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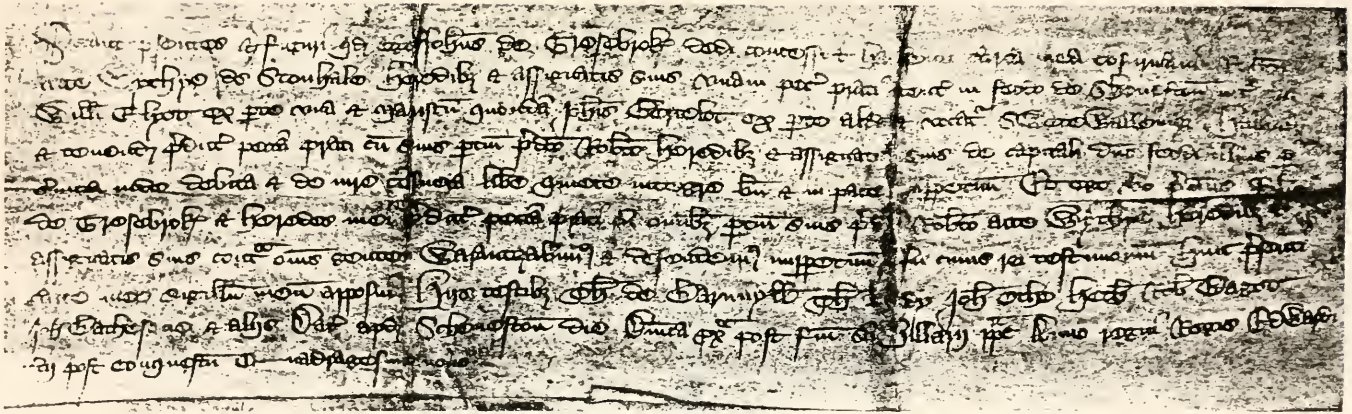

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THE WILL OF JOHN GRESBROKE, OF MIDDLETON, CO. WARWICK, 1540.

In the name of God, Amen. In the yere of our Lorde God a thousand fyve hundred & forty, & ye xxvj day of the moneth of May, I John Gresbroke, of the towne of Mydlet'n, of hole mynd and good reme'brance, make my last Wyll yn man' & forme folowyng: ffyrst I bequethe my sole unto Almighty God, to our lady sent Marye, and to the holye cu'pany of hevyn .... my body to be buried yn the churche yerd of Midlet'n. I bequethe to the .... and I bequeathe to the churche Worke ijs., and to Sr Will'm .... my gostlye fathere .... And I bequethe to He'rye Gresbrook, my sone, vj^lb xiij^s iiij^d. Item to Alverey, my sone, a bedstede, a matter's, a blankyt, a pelowe, a cov^rlytt, & a p^r of *shows?* Also I gyve unto the howse for heierlomes a folden table, a great pott, a s'cepan, and a cawdryn with a brokn .... And I bequethe to Hew, my son, xl^s, to Robert Hylley a ewe, to Will'm Hylley, hys sone, a yerelynge calfe, to Robert Jones a helf^r of ij yeres old, and to Frannes Bell, my s^rvant, a wenynge calfe, & to the makynge of pool Brygge* xij^d. I wyll also that my *feofes?* shall suffer Ysabell, my Wyffe, to occupy & ynjoy the holle of my lands & buyldyngs, the *new ch'br?* and the cha'br ov^r .... and the .... to be yndyfferent for the both. Also I wyll that she shall have .... and the lytell heyes, and all the heye yn smale medowe, and vj acres of .... and that syde of the croft next the frthynge lane† and the yeate .... the one halfe to .... her kye, and to *by* (?) her hey, and the other halfe to my sone Alvery, and the th'rde part of the .... growyng in the Archurde, and the gryndylstone yerd to mylk yn. Also I wyll that she shall have sufficient t'ber to make her a chemney in h^r cha'ber, and a dore owte of her cha'ber ynto the wode yerde where she shall have wode att the coste & cherge of my sone Alverey. And yf my wyffe & my sone Alverye s^d not .... agre & co'tynue together, the^n I wyll that she shall have ..... & the ley in smawl medowe and my sone Alvery to be cherged wth all rents whatso^r & all other d'wtyes both to the Kinge & the lorde. I bequeth also unto my sone Alverey my waynes, yeoke tewls, & tu'brells, & all other ymplements of husbandrye, and I gyve unto hym also the use and occupation of my ox'n to alyenat, sell, & change them at hys pleasure, whe^r he thinks best duringe my wyffs lyffe. I ..... nesses-sarys and ..... the stock to the use of her. I will also that yff my wyff do not occupye so muche grounde as I have gyvyn unto her that the^n my sone Alverye

* Poole Bridge is in the parish of Shenstone, co. Stafford. In a deed of 1671, certain property in Shenstone, then belonging to Robert Greisbrooke, is described as "neare unto a medowe called *Poolebridge* medowe."

† "Farthing Lane" adjoins the orchard attached to the old house called *Stoke end* in the parish of Middleton.

shall have hyt & no other man. Also I wyll that my wyff, my sone Alverey, & all thyr famulye be founde of the corne on the grounde & yn the barne for the space of this one yere; the overplus th'r'of & the resydw' of all my goods movable & onmovable I gyve unto my wyff whome I make my executrex, and . . . . . to gyve th^m at her departynge amonge my children wh^m she thinks best at the syght of Syr Will'm . . . . curate of Mydlet'n, & Will'm Stele, whome I make my overseers of this my last Wyll thy^s beyng wyttnesses, Robert Wytynge, Willia' Gresbrook, Thomas Coke, Willia' Gortn, & Willia' Hawl, & others.

[This will has suffered much from damp and other causes. It is endorsed "1542," and was no doubt proved in that year at Lichfield.]

Will of Isabell Gresebroke of Middleton, Widow, 1550.

In the name of God, Amen; the yere of our Lorde God a thousand, fyve hundred, and fyfteye, the xvth day of Marche in ye fyft yere of ye Raigne of our most soveraigne lorde Kinge Edwarde the Sixtt, by ye grace of God King of England, France, & Ireland, Defeuder of ye fayth, and of the church of England, and also of Ireland, immediately under Almighty God, in earth, the supreme head, I Isabell Gresebroke, of Mydleton, in ye countye of Warwycke, wedowe, beyng perfect of mind and memory, make & declare my last Wyll and testamentt in maner & form as followeth: First I, (wyth harty repentance for my synnes), wyllyngly gyve and bequeathe my soul to Almyghty God, my creator and maker, and I bequeath my body to ye earth to be buryed in my parish churche yarde of Mydleton abovesayd. And I wyll y^t ye funerall charges of my buryall shalbe dyscharged of my owne goodes att the dyscretyon & syght of my executors. And I gyve & bequeath to Jhon Gresebroke, my sonne, foure of my best kye, and my grey horse, and oue of my best coffers and all suche stuffe as ys wythyn the sayd cofferr. And I gyve to ye sayd Jhon Gresebroke my bedde I use to lye on, y^t ys to say, one mattrys, one bolst^r, one payre of flaxen sheetes, one blankett, one bedhyllyn of ye best wythyn my housse, one wyndow shete of twyllye, and my bedstydd, wyth all ye bordes thereto, & one forme to ytt, & one lytle brasse pott of two galons. And I gyve to Jhon Gresebroke all my corne & hey y^t I shalhave at my dep'tynge forthe of this worlde. Also I gyve & bequeath to Alverey Gresebroke, my sonne, all my oxen, and two yardes and halfe of flaxen cloth, desyryng hym to be goode to h^s brethern & syst^rs. And I gyve to Robert Gresebroke, my sonne, one grett hangyng caldren, and my carved wyche, one meat borde, one kneydyng trouhe. And I gyve to Hehrye Gresebroke, my sonne, two kye and my grett maslin pan, & one grett brasse pott, & my whyte pan. Also I gyve to Hugh* Gresebroke, my sonne, one yarde and a quarter of whyte carsey clothe, and one fatt hogge. And I gyve Agnes Jones one bedde that Ihon, my sonne, lyeth on, & my best petycote, & one kyrtle cote. And I gyve to Margarett Shurrocke, my doughter, one double wyndow shete, and my best kyrtle; and ye money y^t Joerge Shurrocke oweth to me I frely gyve ytt hym. And I gyve to M^rgery West one cowe & two peuter platters a lesse & more, & my best cap, & my best hatte. Also I gyve to Wyll'am V^rnon two yardes & halfe off flaxen clothe; & I gyve to Chrystyan Vernon one cowe & my best gowne, & two halfe quarter secks & one ale lome. Also I gyve to Robert Hylley one yarde & a quarter of white carssey cloth. And I gyve to Elsabeth Hylley, my daughter, thre yards of . . . . clothe. The resydue of my goodes not bequeath[ed], I do gyve & bequeath to Jhon Gresebroke & Henry Gresebroke, my sonnes, to be devyded betwyxt them by equall portyons. And I constytute, ordayn, & make Jhon Gresebroke & Henry Gresebroke my lawfull executors of this my last Wyll and testamentt, to fulfyll the bequests of ye same, and to dyspose for my souls health, as

* Hugh Gresbrooke was of Hints, co. Stafford. Elizabeth, his only surviving child, espoused Edward Fox of Birmingham, by whom she was ancestress of the family of Lane-Fox.

I trust they wyll doe. And I desyre Matheye Hinde & Wyll'am Hall to be ov^r^sears of thys my last Wyll, to se all thyngs hereyn done accordyngly. These beyng wytnesses, Wyll'am Gorton, Wyll'am Hall, Nycolas Hylton, Wyll'am Grene, preste, wyth others.

[Proved at Lichfield by John Gresbroke and Henry Gresbroke, the executors, 26 January, 1554–5.]

INVENTORY taken the xi. day of January ann. Ph'i et Marie Reg. et Regine, primo et sed^o^ of the Goods and cattells of Isabell Greisbroke, & praysed by thes p'sons, Willm Vernon & Willm Slade.

Imprim's a borde, a forme, and a cheer	xii^d^
Item ii basynes of maslyn	xx^d^
Item one panne	iii^s^ iiii^d^
Item iii pannes smale	iii^s^
Item iii brasse pottes	vi^s^ viii^d^
Item v pewter platters	ii^s^
Item ii sawcers	iiii^d^
Item a candilsticke	iiii^d^
Item a frienge panne	vi^d^
Item ii couberts & a spytt	xvi^d^
Item potte hangils & potte hooks	vj^d^
Item a brandret*	vi^d^
Item ii mattres	iiii^s^
Item ii bolsters and on pellowe	ii^s^ vi^d^
Item a blanket	x^d^
Item a paire of flaxen shete	iii^d^
Item vi paire of hurdyn shete	vi^s^
Item iii towels	iii^d^
Item iii cov^r^lets	vi^s^
Item sacke cloth, new	xii^d^
Item iii smocks	ii^s^ vi^d^
Item ii carecheffes and a kayle†	ii^s^
Item a peticote	ii^s^
Item a kyrtill	ii^s^ ii^d^
Item a gowne	iiii^s^
Item a hatt & a cap	xviii^d^
Item the corne	x^s^
Item the haye	xx^s^
Item v oxen	v^l^
Item viii kyne	v^l^ vi^s^
Item a horse	xiii^s^ iiii^d^
Item x sheepe	xiii^s^ iiii^d^
Item ii cowfers	iiii^s^ iiii^d^
Item v count^r^fait dyshes	xv^d^
Item a spynninge whel & a churne	xii^d^
Item a parle, a lome, & ii half q^r^ baggs	viii^d^
Item a hanging cawtherne	iii^s^
Item a carved wyche‡	viii^d^
Item iii store swyne	iii^s^
Summ total xvi^l^ x^s^ x^d^.	
Detts owing unto her by Alvery Graisbroke, borrowed in money at s^r^tayne tymes. Item first v^s^, the o^r^ tyme iiii^s^, the third tyme ix^s^, the fourthe tyme vi^s^ viii^d^	
Item also to Margaret Graisbroke, wife of the said Alvery	v^s^ viii^d^

* "An iron tripod fixed over the fire, on which a pot or kettle is placed." (Halliwell.)
† Calle = a cloak. (Cole's Dictionary, 1701.) ‡ A chest (Saxon).

Henry Greisbroke, 1557.

Henry Greisbroke, of Birmingham, died intestate, and administration of his effects was granted to Elizabeth Greisbroke, widow, his relict, March 12, 1557–8 (Act Book, Lichfield Probate Court). The only document filed is "The Inventory, taken the xx^th day of May A° 1557, of the goods and cattells of Henry Greisbroke, and p^rsed by Thom's Rastell, Raff Mountfort, Thom's Mackworthe," etc.

Ped. fin. Easter 3 & 4 Phil. & Mary. Warwickshire. } Between John Foxton, Plt. and John Greysbroke and Henry Greysbroke, Deforciants. One messnage, 2 cottages, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 100 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 100 of pásture, 10 of wood, and 200 of furze and heath, with the appurtenances in Myddelton. To have and to hold to the use of the said Henry and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs male of the said Henry.

Will of Alverey Greisbrooke, of Middleton, 1575.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxiiij daie of September 1575, I Alverey Greisbrooke, of Middleton, in the countie of Warwicke, gent., whole in boddie, and of good remembrance, do ordeyne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge: ffirste I bequeathe my Soule unto Allmyghtie God and his sonn J'hu Christe my Savior, my boddie to be buried in the churche of Middleton, aforesaid. Also I will that my detts shall be paide, And after that I gyve and bequeathe unto my thre daughters, vyz^t Anne, Prudens, and Marie, and to everye of them one hundred poundes of currant money of England, to be paid at the daie of there marriage; and yf anie of them dep'te this naturall lyffe before the daie of there mariage then my will and meaninge is that the portyon of her or them so dyinge shalbe geven unto the rest of my daughters that be lyvinge. Also I gyve and bequeathe unto Margrett* my wyffe all my lands lying in Wisshawe wth all & singular thappurtenances duringe her widdowhood, And yff she do marrie, or dep'te this naturall lyffe, then my will is that Robart Greisbrooke, my here, shall have it unto him, and his heires for ever uppon this condicion, that Robart Greisbrooke, my heire, his heires, executors, administrators, or assignes, shall paye, or cause to be paide unto my ffoure daughters, vyz^t, Margrett, Anne,† Prudens, and Marie, and to everie of them the som' of Tenne poundes of currant money of England, And my said daughters joyntlie to enjoye the same landes, or there assignes, untill the said som'e of money be paid. And yff anie of them depart this naturall lyffe before the daye of their mariage, Then I will that the porcion of her or them so dyinge shalbe geven unto her or them that be lyvinge. P^rvided alwaies, that if my said heyre, Robart Greisbrooke, his heires, or assignes, shall at anie tyme hereafter vexxe, trouble, or molest Sr Frances Willoughbie, Knight, his heres or assignes, for anie p'te or p'cell of grounde, as my will is, shalbe exchaunged wth the saide Sr Frances

* Margaret was the daughter of Thomas Kene, of Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, gent., as is proved by a law suit brought by Alverey "Greysbroke," as executor of his father-in-law, against one Robert Foxe, of Middleton, in 3 and 4 Elizabeth. A full report of this cause will be found in Plowden's Reports, pub. in 1578, fo. 275. Alverey is described in the pleadings as "Alueredus Greysbroke, generosus, executor testamenti Thomæ Kene, generosi, alias dicti *Thomas Kene, of Sutton in Colfylde in the Counte of Warr. gent.* alias dictus *Aluerey Greysbroke, my sonne in lawe, which Aluerye I constitute and make my true & lawfull executor of this my last wil & testament*," etc.

On a tablet in Sutton Coldfield church is this inscription:—"Hic jacet Agnes filia junior Willielmi Harman, domini de Morehall, nupta Willielmo Gibbons per quem habuit duos filios, Johannem clericum, et Thomam; et tres filias, seniorem nuptam *Thome Keene*, et tertiam nuptam Edwardo East, que Agnes, mater, obijt 5 die Februar: Au: MDXX."

This Agnes was the sister of John Harman, *alias* Vesey, Bishop of Exeter.

† It appears from Vincent's MSS. Coll. of Arms (Roper pedigree) that Thomas Roper (of the Heanor, co. Derby, family) married "Anne, dau. of Avery Greisbrooke, of *Stoke Hill*, co. Warwick." They were the parents of Samuel Roper, barrister-at-law, the early patron of Dugdale, and the friend of Dodsworth. *Stoke-end* is the name of an ancient house in Middleton.

Willoughbie, that then all the said ryght, tytle, and Interest that I have given unto the saide Robart Greisbrooke & his heires by this my laste Will and Testament, in my landes lyinge in Wisshawe, shall cease and be voyde, and the said landes to remaine unto the use of my foure daughters, vyz^{t}, Margret, Anne, Prudens, & Marie, and theire heires for ever. I give unto Margret, my daughter, the som' of Twentie poundes of currant money of England. I give unto Robart Greisbrooke, my heir, the ij tables in the hall, the great bras pot . . . . and all the glas in the windowes, the joyned benches in the p'lor, wth the waynscot about the same, one portall in the same p'lor, payinge therefore vj^{s} viij^{d}, one cobbord in my p'lor payinge therefor x^{d}, with j portall in the kechen frelie. I give unto Richard Hopkius my best moccadora stocke. I give unto my brother Hewghe Greisbrooke xx^{s}. I give unto my sister Margret x^{s}. I give unto my brethren Robart and Hewghe all my other apparell. I give unto Averey (Cleve?) v^{s}. I give Averey Jones vj^{s} viij^{d}. I give unto Joane Greisbrooke one wenelinge calfe. I give unto Joane Bratt j ewe shippe. I give unto Isabell Tryamor j ewe shippe. I give unto Margret Kene (or Fene) j ewe shippe. I give unto William Phippes and Henrie Shewell, & eyther of them xx^{s}, whom I make supervisors of this my laste Will and testament. The reste of my goodes unbequeathed, my detts paide, my funerall expenses discharged (except my household stuffs, w^{h} I will shalbe devyded amonge my foure daughters, after the decease of my wyffe) I give unto Margret my wyffe, whome I make my executrix of this my laste Will and Testament (so longe as she kepeth her widdowe) and yf she do marie, then my will is that she shall have xl^{l} paide unto her by the handes of Will'm Phippes and Henrie Shewell whome then I make my executors, and my said wiffe to lose the benefitt of all that bequeste before mentioned (except the said xl^{l}). And the saide Will'm Phippes and Henrie Shewell to use the same accordinge to my will. P'vided allwaies that my wiffe shall make p'bate of this my will wthin thre monethes next after my dissease. And yf she shal refuse to do it, then I will that Willm Phippes & Henrie Shewell shall do it whom then I make my ex'ors to se it p'formed and kept. And finallie my will is that yf anie of my daughters shall refuse to be ordered by the advyse & counsell of there frends, vyz^{t} theire mother, Will'm Phippes, & Henrie Shewell, that then she or them so refusing to be ordered be there said frendes shall have but xx^{l} in full satisfaction of there legacie. And the resydue of her or there portion so contemptnouslie refusynge to be ordered by there frends shalbe geven unto the reste of my daughters that be lyvinge. In witness whereof I have sealed and subscribed hereunto the daie & yeare above named.—Alverey Gresbrook.

Witnes this to be testma' Richarde Hopkyns—James Garner—Ph's Welshe.

[Probate granted at Lichfield March 7, 1575–6, to Margaret Greisbrooke, the relict and executrix.]

An Inve'turie of the goods and cattells of Alverey Greisbrooke. Taken the 4 daie of January 1575; Willm Phippes, Henrie Shewell, John Roberts, and Thomas Osborne.

Imprimis x oxen and steares prec'	xxvj^{l}
It. x kyne	xv^{l}
It. xj Heyfors and steares	xiiij^{l} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}
It. xiiij calves	vij^{l}
It. iij mares and nagge	iij^{l}
It. iiij colts	iiij^{l}
It. xl shipe	xl^{s}
It. i sowe & i pigge	x^{s}
The Hall, wth all the furniture therin	x^{l} iij^{s} iiij^{d}
The p'lor, wth all the furniture therin	vii^{l}
The chamber, wth all the furniture therin, over the p'lor . .	xxx^{s}
The p'lor next the ketchen, wth the napprie, and all the furniture therin	xx^{l} viii^{s}

The buttrie, wth vij silver spones, j salt gilt, wth pewter, and all the furniture therin	vij^l^ xiiij^s^
The Kechen, wth all the furniture therin	vij^l^ vij^s^ viii^d^
The maids chamber, wth all the furniture therin	xiij^s^ iiij^d^
The Gallerie, wth all the furniture therin	xij^s^ viij^d^
The daie* howse, wth all the furniture therein	xvj^s^ viij^d^
The bowltinge† howse, wth all the furniture therin	v^s^
The newe chamber, wth all the furniture therin	iij^l^
The chest chamber, wth all the furniture therin	x^l^ vj^s^ viij^d^
The Kilne chamber, wth all the furniture therin	xxvj^s^ viij^d^
The malt howse, wth all the furniture therin, and over the daie howse	xl^s^
The corne uppon the grownde	xij^l^
The corne & hey in the Barne	viij^l^
The husbandry, wth the furniture	l^s^
It. in detts	xl^s^

Pedes finium Michaelmas 3 & 4 Ph. & Mary. Warwickshire. } Between Alvered Greysbroke, gent. Plaintiff, and Robert Harecourte, Esqr Deforciant. One toft, 30 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 20 of pasture, and 4 of wood, with the appurtenances, in Wyshshawe, Moxshyll, and Myddleton.

Ped. fin. Trinity 17 Eliz. Warwickshire. } Between Richard Hopkins and Hugh Holtefortе, Plaintiffs, and Alvered Greysbroke, gent. Deforciant. Three messuages, 2 tofts, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 200 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 20 of wood, and 10 of furze and heath, with the appurtenances, in Myddelton and Wysshawe.

Robert Greisbrooke, of Middleton, 1595.

The will of Robert Greisbrooke, of Middleton, co. Warwick, was proved at Lichfield Oct. 22, 1595, by John Greisbrooke, the son and sole executor (*vide* Act Book, fo. 145), but the will itself cannot be found among the testamentary documents of that year.

Will of Richard Greisbrooke, of Meriden, co. Warwick, 1621.

(P. C. C. 120 Swan.)

In the name of God, Amen. I Richard Greisbrooke, of Meriden, in the countie of Warwick, yoman, being of good health and p'fect memorye, considering my old age (God bee therefore praised). As allso the due Meditac'on of my death, the certaintye thereof, and the uncertaintye of the tyme, doe move [and] advise me to make, ordaine, publishe, and declare this my laste Will and Testament (to avoyde the danger of dyeing intestate) this p'sente daye, beinge the fiveth daye of June in the nyneteenth year of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God, Kinge of England, Frannce, and Irelande, and of Scotland the five and fiftyethe, of my selfe and of my reall and p'sernall estate, in manner and forme following. Imprimis, as concerning my selfe, I com'ende it to the merciful protec'on, love, and favor of my God dureing this my pilgrimage, and at thende therof I com'ende my soule onlye by Jesus Christ, my savior, into Heaven, the mansion and place of thelect in Christ, and my bodye to the earthe to be buried in the p'ish church of Meriden aforesaide; the solemnizac'on & charge of my said buryall I referr and com'itt unto the good discrec'on of my Executors and the ov'seers of this my Will, trusteing at the generall resurrec'on of all flesh that these my eyes shall see Jesus to my comfort: my sinnes, thorough his merrittes, being all

* Dairy. † Bolting-house—the place where meal is sifted.

p'donned. And as concerning my reall estate, I will and devise unto William Blythe, of the p'ishe of Colleshill, in the said countie of Warwick, yoman, uppon speciall Truste and Confidence, the Messuage or Tenement in Meriden aforesaid, wherein I nowe dwell and inhabitt, and all Edifices, Stables, Barnes, howses, buildeings, yardes, backsides, orchardes, gardens, closes, pastures, meadowes, landes, Tenements, hereditaments, and all other before devised premisses, wth all and singler there app'ten'ces unto the said Will'm Blythe, untill my cozen John Haddon, grandchilde unto my brother Nicholas Greisbrooke,* deceased, shall accomplish thage of one and twentye yeares, if hee shall live to attaine to the said age, uppon speciall trust and confidence, and my will is that all rentes, profittes, comodityes, and revenewes that shall arise, grow, come, or bee made of the said devysed p'misses, or of anie p'te or p'cell thereof, dureing the said terme (the chiefe rents, repa'c'ons, and other necessary paymentes concerning the said devised premisses beeinge yearely, dureing the said terme, paid, p'formed, and donne) shall be disbursed and bestowed uppon the said John Haddon in, for, uppon, and concerning his dyett, apparell, edueac'on, learneing, bringing upp, and other thinges necessary and needfull of him the said John, which truste the said Wm. Blythe hathe p'mised unto me most faithfullye, carefully, and loveinglie to p'forme. And if it shall please God that hee the said Wm. shall dye (which God for bidd) before hee the said John shall accomplish the said age of one and twenty yeares, then I will, devise, and com'itt the like truste in as ample man'er for and concerning the said hereditaments, and the said John Haddon, unto John Greisbrooke, of Wiggons hill, in the com' of Warwick, for the residue of the said tyme; who, I hope, will in the fear of God p'rforme the same truste faithfully, honestlye, and godlye, according to my confidence in him reposed; yet notwithstanding my will, and my will is that the said William Blythe and John Greisbrooke shall allowe unto themselves respectively, concerninge these said severall trustes, there necessarie charges and expences concerning the same. I allso will, ordaine, give, and bequeathe unto the said John Haddon, my cosen, the s^d^ messuage or tenement, edifices, stables, barnes, howses, buildinges, yardes, orchardes, gardens, closes, pastures, meadowes, feedinge lands, tenem'ts, and hereditaments, and all my hereditaments situate, lyinge, and beinge in Meriden aforesaid, or in the p'ish of Meriden aforesaid, wth all and singler there and everie of there appurtenances, together wth all evidences, deeds, writtinges, and muniments of mine concerninge the said devised p'misses, or any p'te therof, To have and to houlde the said messuage or tenement, edifices, stables, barnes, howses, buildinges, yardes, orchardes, gardens, closes, pastures, meadowes, feedinge landes, tenements, hereditaments, and all other befour devised p'misses, unto the said John Haddon, and the heires of his body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten; and for want of such heires, I will, devise, and bequeathe all thaforesaid devised hereditaments, wth all and singler their and everye of their appurtenances, and all other before devised premisses unto Michael Greisbrooke, sonne of my cozen John Greisbrooke, of Middleton, in the said com' of Warwicke, gent, To have and to houlde the s^d^ hereditaments, and all other before devised p'misses unto the said Michael Greisbrooke, and the heires of his bodye lawfully begotten or to bee begotten. And for want of such heires I will, devise and bequeathe all thaforesaid hereditam'ts wth all and singler there, and every of there appurtenances, and all other before devised hereditaments, unto my Godsonne Humfrye Crowe, son of my cosin John Crow, of Meriden aforesaid, gent., to have and to houlde the said hered'm'ts, and all other before devised p'emisses unto the said Humfrye Crowe and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, or to bee begotten, and for wante of such heires Then to remaine and bee unto my right heires for ever. And as concerning my p'sonall estate, I will, devise, and give power, authoritye, abilitye, and capacitye unto and for the said William Blythe to enter uppon, take, receave, and possesse, ymediately after my decease, all the goodes, debtes, chatelles, and other p'sonall estate whatsoever, which I have, or ought to

* Nicholas the son of Henry "Greysbroke" was baptized at St. Martin's, Birmingham, January 13, 1555-6.

have, or owe at my decease, as in myne owne righte, or as beeing executor to anye other, upon speciall truste for the behalfe, use, and behoofe of mine executor dureing his minoritie, and unto his full age, if hee shall live to attaine to the same. And in the interim thereof, or w'hin such tyme, the said Will'm Blythe to sell anye p'te of my goodes, cattell, or other p'sonall estate (other than the howseholde goodes and ymplements of howsholde) to the dischargeing, satisfyeing, and payeing the charges of my Funerall and probate of this my laste Will and Testament, and such debtes and legacies as the lawe requireth that my executor should paye and discharge, or w'ch in conscience or equitye ought to be paid by him. And for such p'te of my p'sonall estate as at my decease shall bee in the manageing, disposall, traffiqne, or merchaundise of the said Willm Blythe, for or in the behalfe of him and my selfe, my will and mynde is that hee shall continue the same in such manner and sort for my exec^tr and himselfe, dureing the minority of my executor, as hath ben betwixte him and mee in buying and selling of cattell, or other comodyties or merchandizes, taking thone halfe of the cleare benefitt and gaine therof unto himselfe, and thother halfe therof for my execnt^or. The same half therof for my execut^or from tyme to tyme dureing the minoritye of my execut^r to bee ymployede by the sayde Willm for the best use and behoofe of my exec^tr. And concerninge the residue of my p'sonall estate, my will and desire is, and I doe give power, authorytie, abilitye, and capacitye unto the saide Wm Blythe, dureing the minority of my exec^r, to imploy, trade, traffique, and merchandize the same, and thencrease therof, for the best use and behoofe of my exec^tr. And my will and desire is that when my execut^or shall accomplishe thage of one and twentie yeares, that then the said Wm Blythe, his executors and assigns, shall make a true and juste accompte unto my executor of all thaforesaide premisses and thinges, and every p'te and p'cell thereof as shall . . . . . said Will'm shall meddle w'thall, or undertake in respect or regard of this my last will and testament, or by reason of any devise or bequeste heren. And then to delv^r and paye unto my exec^r such money, righes, or estate, or thinges as shall be due, or ought to be due, unto him by the said Wm Blythe his executors or assignes, according to the true entent and meaning of this my last will and testament, and the trust and confidence, power, authoritye, abilitye, and capacitye concerning the said personall estate respectively unto the said John Greisbrooke, of Wiggons Hill aforesaid as hee the said Wm Blythe had by this my last will and testament, whom I doe most heartilye desire, in the feare of God, to p'fonrme the same after the decease of the said Wm Blythe, according to the true entent and meaninge of this my last will and testament. Allso I will and request that all such legacyes as bee yet unpaid which were given eyther by my brother in lawe Richard Flavell,* or by my sister Dorothy Flavell, by their severall laste wills and testaments, that the same bee paid wth all convenyent speedines, accordinge to there said Wills and Testaments. And I will, devise, and give unto the poore inh'itantes of Meriden the some of three poundes of lawfull money of England, to bee destributed amongst them by the overseers of this my last will and testament within one yeare nexte after my decease. Item I will, devise, and bequeathe unto my godsonne Humfrye Crowe, aforesaid, fowertye shillinges of like money, to be paid unto him when hee shall attaine unto the age of one and twenty yeares; and yf it shall please God that the said Humfry Crowe shall dye before he shall attaine to the

* The will of Richard Flavell, of Meryden, co. Warwick, is dated July 1, 1619, and was proved in London by Dorothy Flavell, the relict and executrix, Oct. 7, 1619. He desires to be buried at Meriden, and mentions Alice Flavell, his brother's daughter, William Flavell, his brother's son, his sister Katherine Flavell, William Flavell of Coventry, (relationship not mentioned), his sister Mary, the wife of Thomas Bradbury, "Richard Greysbrooke, my brother-in-law," Anne Parker his (testator's) god-daughter, Edward Parker, his brother-in-law, and Dorothy Flavell, his wife. Witnesses, Thomas Holbeeche and John Holmes. The parish registers of Meriden do not commence earlier than 1644. In 1669, Sept. 8, William Flavell and Elizabeth Flavell were married; in the same year, on Feb. 14, William West and Dorothy Haddon were married; in 1670, May 25, Elizabeth, dau. of William Flavell, was baptized; in 1672, May 27, Mary dau. of William Flavell, was baptized; and in 1673 "Mrs. Rebecca Mottershed, widd., was buried Aug. ye 13;" Mary, dau. of Edward Mottershedd, was also baptized there May 23, 1670.

said age, then I will devise, and bequeathe the said fowertye shillinges unto John Crowe, brother of the said Humfry. I give and bequeathe unto Corbett Bintopp, thelder, two sheepe, and unto my man Bartle Whorwood, and Richard Jeffryes, my servant boye, two sheepe a peece, at the discrec'on of my executor. Item I will, devise, and bequeathe unto such p'sons hereafter named such somes of lawfull Englishe money as unto them is severally menc'oned in this my last will and testament, hereafter followinge, vizt., unto the said Wm Blythe for his great paines and love toward mee, tenn poundes of lawfull English money; unto my cozen John Crowe, thelder, of Meriden aforesaid, tenn poundes of like money; unto Alice Miller the wife of John Miller, servant unto Mr. Peter Burgoyne, of Meriden aforesaid, five poundes of like money; unto Joane Flavell, sister of the said Alice Miller, twenty shillinges of like money; and unto Alice Bradbury, my servant, fower poundes of like money; unto Thomas Bradberrye, William Bradberrye, and Bridgett Bradberrye, the children of Thomas Bradberrye, of Meriden aforesaid, thelder, two sheepe and twentie shillinges apeece of the lawfull englishe money; and unto the said Thomas Bradberry thelder, fower poundes of like lawfull English money. Allso I give unto Elizabeth Devett and Elizabeth Miller five shillinges apeece, and Thomas Mottershed, the younger, halfe a crowne; and unto all other my god children two shillinges a peace. After my debtes and legacies paid, I will, devise, give, and bequeathe the surplus, residue, and remainder of all my goodes, dettes, householde goodes, implements of household, cattell, chattelles, and p'sonall estate, unto the said John Haddon, my cousin, whom I doe ordaine, constitute, create, and make my onelye and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. And yf it shall please God that hee shall dye before hee shall attaine unto the said age of one and twentye yeares (which God forbidd) then I doe ordaine, constitute, create, and make John Greisbrooke, of Wiggons Hill, in the p'ishe of Sutton Colefield, in the said countye of Warw., Yoman, my executor, unto whome I doe devise and bequeathe by this my will one silver bole, and sixe silverspoones. And for the rest of my p'sonall estate, which I before devised unto John Haddon, if hee attaine unto the said age of one and twentye yeares, before which if hee chance to dye (as God forbidd) then I will and devise the one halfe of the same unto the brethren and sisters of the said John Haddon, and the children of his mother's sister, equillie to be devided, and thother halfe of the same unto the said John Greisbrooke, of Wiggons Hill, and his sonne. And I doe intreate, appoynte, and name the said Willm Blythe, John Greisbrooke, of Middleton, in the said countye of War., yeoman, and Symon Blythe, of Hawkeswell, in the said county, yoman, to be the overseers of this my last Will and Testament; and I doe give unto them severally for their paines twentie shillinges apeece of lawfull English money. And I doe hereby revoke, adnihilate, and make voide all former wills and testaments that any time heretofore were made by me. And for the better testimonye of this my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and hereunto fixed my Seale, the daye and yeare first above written.—Richard Greisbrooke.

Published, sealed, and subscribed in the presence of John Blythe—The m'rke of Thos X Warde—Symon Blythe.

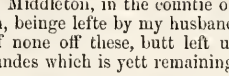
[Proved in London Nov. 6, 1623.]

John Greasbrooke, of Middleton, 1636,

died intestate, and administration of his effects was granted on the 2nd of December, 1636, to Michael Greasbrooke* (who signs the bond "Grayesbroke") of Middleton, co. Warwick, gentleman, "the natural and lawful sonne" of the deceased. The other bondsman was Thomas Whorwood, of Middleton aforesaid, husbandman. The bond is dated Dec. 2, 1636, and with the papers is filed the

* "Michaell Grasebrooke" was buried at Oldswinford, co. Worcester, April 17, 1689.

following renunciation:—"2 Dec. 1636. Mem. thatt I, Mary* Graisbrooke, the wiffe of John Graisbrooke, late of Middleton, in the countie of Warr. deceased, doe reffuse to take anie administration, beinge lefte by my husbande neither goodes nor chattels, ffor hee died possest off none off these, butt left undisposed off att his death the some [of] Eightene poundes which is yett remaininge."



Signature to Bond of 1636.

ARMS OF GRESBROOKE OF CO. WARWICK.
From Harl. MS. 1563.

The above is a fac-simile of a trick occurring among the "Armes of many Warwickshire families hastily tricked in printed escocheons" by Richard Mundy, in the Harl. MS. 1563. It no doubt refers to the above John "Greasbrooke," of Middleton," whose administration is dated 1636. This MS, contains, in addition to the aforesaid "Armes," a copy of the "Visitation of Warwickshire taken A° 1563, continued and enlarged with another Visitation of the same county made in 1619." (*Vide* Harleian Catalogue.)

WILL OF JOHN GRESBROOKE OF WIGGINSHILL, 1636.

In the name of God Amen. I John Gresbrooke, Senr, of Wigginshill, in the parish of Sutton Coldfield, in the county of Warr. yeoman, being weake and sicke in body, but of perfect memory, thanks be given unto God, doe ordain and make this my last Will and Testament the 17th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1636, in form and manner following. Item I willingly surrender my soule into

* Extract from the pedigree of Colmore, of Birmingham (from the Visitation of Warwickshire, 1619):—

Will'ms Colemore, de Bremingham. [Died Feb. 13, 1607. M. I. in St. Martin's Church, Birmingham.] = Anna filia Will'mi Finey de Canke [Cannock] in com. Staff. [Died Sept. 6, 1597. M. I.]

- Willm's Colemore de Bremingham. [His eldest child, William, was æt. 18 in 1619.] = *Maria uxor Joh'is Geisbrooke* (sic) *de Midaleton, in com. War.*
- Anna nupta Hen. Porter de Edgbaston in com. War.
- Others

The will of the above Henry Porter, of Edgbaston, is dated Feb. 12, 1618, and was proved in London Dec. 21, 1620. He mentions (among others) his wife Anne, his brother-in-law William Colmore, and his "brother-in-law John Greasbrooke." There are numerous Colmore entries in the registers of St. Martin's, Birmingham; among others the baptisms of "Ann Colmore, filia William," on Oct. 5, 1572, "William Colmer, filius William," on Feb. 26, 1573-4, and of "Mary Colmer, filia William," on July 27, 1580.

Barnaby Ensor, of Wilnecote, co. Warwick (son of John and Anne Ensor, of the same place), in his will, dated 1598, refers to a John "Gresbrooke" as his cousin, thus: "Debtes owinge me. My brother Walter about 13*s.* 4*d.*, my cosen John Gresbrooke, which I lent hym, 3*l.*" He appoints his "loving and faithful friend, William Colmore, of Birmingham," an executor; and Thomas Colmore was a witness of the will.

the hands of my mercifull God and father, trusting through the merritts of Christ alone to be saved. And for my body I commit it to be buried decently at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and appointed. Itm I give unto Francis Gresbrooke, my grandson, sixe shillings and eight pence. Itm I give unto Henry Coleman my best Beve. Itm I give unto my grandchilde John Gresbrooke a joyned beadstead standing in the neather room with the best coffer in the high chamber. Itm unto Robert Barnett my grandchilde 6*s.* 8*d.* Itm I give unto Isabel Gresbrooke, daughter of my son John Gresbrooke, a Press standing in Bridgett's chamber. Itm I give unto John Nichols, his two children, to each a noble. Itm I give unto my servant maid, Brigett Proctor, an ewe with a lambe, or else a noble of money at the discretion of my Executors. Itm I give unto James Buttery, of Hints, my leathern breeches, and to his son my best yearling calfe, to be reared or sold for his best and sole advantage. Itm I give unto the poore of Curdworth and Minworth 6*s.* 8*d.* Itm I give unto Joane Gresbrooke, my grandchilde, 6*s.* 8*d.* All the rest of my goods, cattells, and chattells, I give unto my dear and loving wife Joice Gresbrooke whom I nominate, and appoint, and constitute to be my full, whole, and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, to be proved according to Lawe, and fully executed according to full intent and meaning. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.—John X Gresbrooke sen^r Test^r.

Read and sealed in the presence of Joseph Clifford—John Greasbrooke.

[Probatum est apud Lich. 3 Martij 1636. H^y. Archbold, Reg^r.

Inventory taken 24 Feb. 1636, by Abraham Pemberton and Wm. Bennett. Value £59 : 4 : 0.]

Will of John Greysbrooke, of Middleton, 1640.*

In the name of God, Amen. I John Greysbrooke, of Middleton, in the county of Warwick, husbandman, being sicke in bodye, but of goode and perfecte memorie, praysed be God, doe make this, my last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soule unto Almighty God who made it, trustinge, and relying, and hopinge to be saved throughe the meritts, death, and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ; and my bodye to the earth from whence it came. For my worldly goods wherewith it hathe pleased God to blesse mee, I doe bequeathe and dispose in manner and forme followinge. Imprimis I give and bequeathe unto my loving Brother Robert Greysbrooke's three daughters, Debora, Elisebeth, and Phebe, one pound. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother George Greysbrooke tenn shillings a fether beed (*sic*), Elisebeth James (?) tenne shillings, Ann Greysbrooke five shillings, Mansell Browne five shillings. Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my goodes and money, movabile and unmovabill to my mother Marie Greysbrooke whome I com'ande and apoynte full executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed and published as my laste will and testament the 5 day of Jnne in the yeare of our Lord God 1640.

Before the sealing and delivering of this it was enterlyned.
Wittnes.
Robert Greysbrooke—Thomas Hynde.

John X Greysbrooke
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L. S.

[Proved at Lichfield July 14, 1640, by Mary Greysbrooke, sole executrix.] No inventory filed.

* This will appears to be in the handwriting of Robert Greysbrooke, gent., the testator's brother.

Will of John Greasbrooke, Jun., of Wigginshill, 1658.

In the name of God Amen, the six and twentyeth daye of Maye, in the yeare of our Lorde God one thousand six hundred fiftye and eight, I John Greasbrooke, the yonger, of Wigginshill, in the p'ish of Sutton Colefield and countie of Warwicke, being sicke of bodye butt of good and p'fect memorie (thanks be to God) doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in man'er and forme followinge, that is to say: ffirst I com'end my sole into the hands of Allmightie God, my maker, hoping assuredly through the only merrittes of Jesus Christe, my Saviour and Redeemer, to be made p'taker of life everlasting, and I com'end my bodye to the earth whereof it is made. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Greasbrooke, one fether bed and bolster, and a pair of bedstides, and all other furniture for a bed. Also I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Greasbrooke the sum of Fortye pounds of lawfull money of England to bee payd her by my son and heire, John Greasbrooke, at the day of her marriage or when she shall come to the full age of one and twenty yeares whether shall happen firste; and for wante of paymente of the said fortie pounds, my will is that my daughter Mary Greasbrooke shall enter upon and injoye all that my cloase or croft called Broome Croft and also all that croft or cloase called ffoxales, formerly purchased of Abraham Jorden and John Jorden, both which said cloases or croftes are situate and being in Minworth in the p'sh of Curdworth and countie of Warwicke, and the same to hold and injoye till the said sum of ffortie pounds be fully satisfied and payed. Item I give and bequeath to Mary, my welbeloved wife, all my goods, cattle, and chattles whatsoever unbequeathed, and also I make, constitute, ordaine, and appoint her my full and lawfull Executrix in truste to p'forme this my last Will and Testamente, and also I desire John Greasbrooke, my loving father, and Humfrey Lingard,* of Curdworth, my loving Unkle to be my Overseeres to see this my last Will and Testament p'formed. In witness whereof I, the said John Greasbrooke, have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daye and yeare firste above written.—John Greasbrooke by his X mark.

Sealed, and delivered, and subscribed in the presence of us, Phillip Beste—Margaret Woolly.

[Proved at Lichfield Sept. 10, 1660. Total of inventory £175 : 15 : 4, including certain goods which testator was to have after his mother's death.]

Will of Robert Greysbrooke, of Middleton, Gent., 1668.†

In the name of God, Amen. Made the first day of September in the year of our Lord God 1668, I Robert Greysbrooke, of Middleton, in the County of Warwick, Gent., the unprofitable servant of God, strong of mind (praised be God) Doe ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and form followinge. Imprimis

* The Lingards of Curdworth entered their descent at the Visitation of Warwickshire in 1619. Richard Lingard, second son of Edmond Lingard of Curdworth, then had three sons—Edmond aged 16, Richard aged 13, and Humphry "ætat. 6 *menses*"—and two daughters, Agnes aged 16, and Dorothy aged 11. The will of Richard Lingard, of Curdworth, yeoman, is dated 7 May, 1647, and was proved at Lichfield 21st January following. He mentions his son Homfrey Lingard, and his daughters Anne L. and Dorothy L., and makes his said son sole executor. Administration of the effects of Humphrey Lingard, of Curdworth, was granted at Lichfield 25 Sept. 1695 to Joseph, his son. An administration of the effects of Richard Lingard, of Curdworth, was also granted 6 Nov. 1647 to Elizabeth, his relict, and the inventory was taken by John Greasbrooke, Thomas Woolley, Humphrey Lingard, Leonard Best, and John Thornton.

† Apparently in the testator's own handwriting.

I doe willingly, and with free heart, render and give againe into the hand of my Lord God, creator of spirits, which hee, of his ffatherly goodnesse, gave unto me when hee first fashioned [me] in my mother's womb, making a living and reasonable creature; nothing doubting but that for his infinite mercy set forth in the precious bloud of his Dear son, Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer, he will receive my soule into his glory, and place it in the company of his Heavenly Angells and blessed Saints. As for my body, with free heart to the earth from whence it came, not doubting but at the great day I shall receive a glorious body, but incorruptible, strong, and perfect body, in all particulars like to the glorious body of my Lord Christ.

As for the outward things of this life, my Will is that they be bestowed in manner and form following.—Now the eldest of my three daughters, which my son Chauntery * did mary, It is my will, if I dye before my wife, that she should have out of my lands, payd her by my executors, 13 pounds by the yeare. It' That my daughter Phœbe Greysbrooke have given her ten pounds by the yeare. It' It is my will that Hosea,† if hee stay with me, that he should have given him forty shillings. It' It is my Will that my wife, and my daughter Elizabeth, should have all the rest of my land for her naturall life, and all my goods reall and personall, so that they see my debts payd. And after the decease of my wife my lands to goe to my Three daughters equally divided, so that I make my wife and daughter Elizabeth Greysbrooke my sole executors of this my last Will and Testament. And all former Wills to be voyd.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us Thomas Speucer.‡

Robert Greysbrooke.

In case there should be any difference I would desire my cozen Hill and my cozen ffoxe, if alive, to get this Will performed, each one a paier of gloves of 5/- a peice.

[Probate granted at Lichfield 15th Septr 1671 to Debora Greysbrooke, the widow, and Elizabeth Greysbrooke, the daughter of the testator, the executrixes.

The following is endorsed on the will:—

"for Mr Chantrey . . . . will.
Mr James Silvester, 6 Octob. 1671."]

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods, chattells, profits, credits, etc., of Robert Greisbrooke, Gent., late of Middleton, in the County of Warwick, deceased; prized, made, and taken upon the fourteenth day of September in the twenty-third year of our Soverign Charles the Second, King of England, Scotland, ffrance, and Ireland, Defendr of the faith, etc., by us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

	£	s.	d.
Imps. His wearing apparell and money in his purse	4	0	0
It. Goods in the Great Parlor; one table, one cupboard, with carpets thereunto belonginge	0	16	0
Chairs and stooles, etc.	1	6	0
In the chamber over the parlor: one chest, one bedsted, one feather bed, etc.	2	10	0
In the Hall: one table, two forms, one cupboard, one chair, a still (*sic*)	0	13	4
	1	6	8

* The will of Richard Chantrey, of Hartshorne, co. Derby, clerk, is dated June 30, 1694, and was proved at Lichfield on the 19th of February following. He gives all he has, "both goods, chattells, and cattell," into his "deare and lovinge wife Deborah Chantrey," and appoints her sole executrix. His inventory, which contains (*inter alia*) three pounds' worth of books, was taken Sept. 4, 1694, by James Beighton and Gilbert Radford.

† "Hosea Glasebrooke" was buried at Oldswinford, co. Worcester, July 12, 1671.

‡ *Sic*, only one witness.

In the little parlour: one presse, one cupboard	1	0	0
One trunke, a little chest, one boxe	0	6	8
Two bedsteds, one set of curtains, one rugge, one flocke bed, etc.	1	1	0
Four cushions, a piece of linnen cloth	1	13	4
Two pieces of white woollen cloth, and a remnant of red	3	6	8
Sheets, pillowbeers, napkins, towells, and other linnens	5	0	0
Brasse and pewter	5	13	4
Andirons, pothooks, fireshovels, tonges, spits, cobbards, Burntirons, Backstone, etc.	2	19	0
Kneeding Trough, barrells, tubs, loomes, etc.	1	13	4
Cheese and bacon	3	10	0
Linnen, yarn, feathers, and other things in the chamber over the little parlour	1	10	0
In the little chamber: one flockbed, one Bedsted, two blankets, a set of curtains, and other things, thereunto belonginge	3	0	0
A twiggen chair, and one table, etc.	0	10	0
Four silver spoons, and a jugge covered with silver	1	10	0
In the new chamber; one featherbed, four pillows, three bolsters, one Rugge, a pair of blankets	6	0	0
Wool	1	13	4
Two Coffers, with other lumber	1	0	0
Three mares, one foal, and one gelding, one cart, and implements belonging to husbandry	20	0	0
Sixe yearlinge and sixe weaninge calves	10	0	0
Fifty sheepe	10	0	0
Sixe cows and a Bull	16	0	0
Corn and Hay	26	10	0
Swine	2	0	0
Four stalls of Bees	0	10	0
Things forgotten	0	5	0
The whole sum £	137	3	8

THOMAS SPENCER,
SAMUEL WHITE.

WILL OF JOHN GREASBROOKE, SEN^{r}, OF WIGGINSHILL, 1671.*

In the name of God, Amen; the twentyeth day of Maye in the three and twentyeth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Kinge, Defender of the Faithe, etc., and in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand, six hundred, and seventie, and one, I John Greasbrooke, the Elder, of Wigginshill, in the p'sh of Sutton Colefield, and countie of Warwicke, Yeoman, being at present in bodyly health and of perfect mind and memorie (praised be God for the same) yett knowing that I am mortall and borne to dye, doe therefore make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following: And ffirst I doe com'end and committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator, assuredly believing that all my sins shall be pardoned by and through the onely meritts and passion of Jesus Christe, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, and that thereby I shall be made pertaker of everlastinge joye and happiness in Heaven amongst the glorious Saintes and Angels. And for my fraile bodye, with a free and willing hearte I doe resigne the same to the earth whereof it is made, in God's appointed time to be decently buried by my Executor hereafter named. And for that worldly estate which it hath pleased God in his mercy to bestow upon mee, I doe dispose thereof as followeth: And ffirst I doe give and bequeath unto the poore of the p'ish of Sutton Colefield

* Edward Foxe, John Greasbrooke, and another, attest a Bond, dated 5 Dec. 1612, from Richard Mewe, of Minworth, to Edward Smythe, of Wigginshill. John Greasbrooke also attests (with Thomas Barlowe and William Bennett) a Bond of Edward Smythe and Isabel his wife, late wife of William Mousley, to Ralph Higginbottom and Hugh, his brother, of Erdington, dated Sep. 29, 1616. John Greasbrooke, Senr, Ab^{ra} Jordan, Jo. Hurst, Edw. Bennett, and Ed. Smith made the inventory of Edward Smith of Wigginshill, dated Dec. 2, 1669. (Title deeds of H. W.)

aforesaid, Tenn shillings, and unto the poore of the p'ish of Curdworth, in the said countie of Warwicke, Tenn shillings, to be distributed amongst the said poore by my executor, or by his direction. Item I give, devise, and bequeath all those my two cloasses or inclosures of land, as the same is now mounded out and devided, and adjoyning together, and adjoyning to the land of George Pudsey Esq. on the north side, and to the land late Edward Darcye's Esq. estward. And also so much, or such part of, a meaddow lyeing at the lower end of the said cloasses as doth adjoine to the said lower cloase of the said two cloases, according as the same is fenced and sett out, being the just breadth of the said lower cloase with a little lane or fforedrowe at the gate of the said cloases, all which said cloases and part of the said meadow are lying and being in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and countie of Warwicke, and are parte of a certaine grounde called the Peddimores which I formerly bought of Henry Cookes, gen. And also three acres or dayes workes of arrable lande, be the same more or lesse, with the hades, meares, balkes, thereunto belonging, lying and being in a com'on field in the p'ish of Sutton Colefield & countie of Warwicke called Wigginshill ffield, lying between the lande of Richard Wrighte and the Highe way going to Wishawe, and which said arrable land I bought of Abraham Jordan and John Jordan. And alsoe two lands or ridges of arrable land with the hades, meares, balkes, and app'tenances thereto belonging lying and being in a com'on field called Greavesfield in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and countie of Warwicke, & lying betweene the land of Thomas Kyte Gen. and the land of John Rostell, and which I also bought of the said Abraham Jordan & John Jordan. And alsoe all those two lands or ridges of arrable land, with the hades, meares, balkes, and app'tenances thereto belonging and lying & being in a com'on field called Heinne ffield al's Church ffield, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, one of the said lands lying betweene the land late Edward Darcye's Esq. and the lande of Abraham Jordan, and the other of the said lands lying betweene the lande late Edward Darcye's Esq. and the lande of John Rostell, and which I allsoe bought of the said Abraham Jordan and John Jordan. And allsoe one cloase or croft called the Hare Croft lying and being in Wigginshill aforesaid in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield, and Countie of Warwicke, and adjoyning to the said Wigginshill ffield on the one side and unto the land of Edmond Bennett on the other side, and which I lately bought of Thomas Jordan and the said Abraham Jordan. And all that my three quarters of an acre of meddow or mowing ground lying and being in a com'on meadow in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and countie of Warwicke called the Broad Meaddow, being the one halfe, and the lower side of a peece of meadowing formerly belonging to a certain tenement called Barnes Tenement, unto John Cooke, my Grandchild, for and dureing the tearme of his naturall life, and after his decease then unto Thomas Cooke, eldest sonne of the said John Cooke, and unto the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten; and in default of such issue, then unto Francis Cooke, the second sonne of the said John Cooke, and unto the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten; and in defaulte of such issue, then unto John Greasbrooke, the Younger, my Grandchild, and unto his heires for ever. Item I give, devise, and bequeath all other, and all the reste and residue, of my pasture grounde and meddow grounde, and p'cells of grounde whatsoever, with the app'tenances called Peddymores, and which I allsoe bought of the said Henry Cookes Gen., and lying and being in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, And alsoe one little lane or fforedrowe adjoining to the said land, and lately made for a waye to the meddow, at the lower end of the said grounde, and alsoe a waye or conveniente passage to turne a teame to goe into the said grounde or out of it over the end of the before mentioned arrable land given by this my Will unto my said Grandchild John Cooke, And allsoe all those my two cloases or inclosures of land lying and being in Wigginshill aforesaid, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke called the Home Cloase and the Upper Broome Close, the Home Cloase abutting upon my own free lande at the lower end, and upon the land of the said Abraham Jordan at the upper end, and the Broome Cloase abutting upon a peece of land called Bushy Leasow of

Edmond Bennett's at the upper end, and upon the laude of Abraham Jordan at the lower end. And allsoe one land's breadth in a grass pitt in the said Wigginshill ffield called Middle Pit. And allsoe ffoner lands or ridges of arrable laude lying and being in the said Greaves ffield, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, and lying betweene the lands late Edward Darcye's Esq. and the land of Henry Hurst and abuttinge upon a grasse pitt called the perry pitt. And allsoe three lands or ridges and a halfe of arrable land, as the same is now staked out, lying and being in the said Heinne ffield al's Church ffield in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, and lying betweene the land of John Haswell and the land of Abraham Jordan, and abutting neere unto a gate called Newe Gate. And allsoe three other lands or ridges of arrable land lying and being in the same field betweene the land of Abraham Jordan on the one side, and the one side, and the Highe way on the other side, and abutting upon the land late Edward Darcye's Esq., All which said last mentioned two closses and lands bredth in the pitt in Wigginshill ffield, and ffoner lands or ridges of arrable land in the said Greaves ffield, and the said six lands or ridges, and a halfe of arrable land in the said Heinne ffield or Church ffield, all which I lately bought of the said Thomas Jordan and Abraham Jordan, unto my said Grandchild John Greasbrooke, the younger, and unto his heirs for ever. Item I give, devise, and bequeath all that my halfe acre of meddow or mowing ground lying and being in a com'on meddow in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, called Orton Meddow, and lying betweene ye land of Thomas Ryte, Gen., and the land of Abraham Jordan, and abutting upon the river. And allsoe all that my parte and proportion of those two running halfe acres of meadow or mowing ground lying and being in the said Orton Meadow in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke. And allsoe all those seaven lands or ridges and two hadlands of arrable lande and a broade balke lying and being in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, two lands of them and the broade balke being the length of two shutes of the said fields, and lying betweene my owne lands and the land of Henry Hurste at the lower end on the one side, and the said broade balke on the other side next the hedge, and the other five lands adjoyning to those at the upper end one on the one side, and my one (*sic*) free lands on the other side, all which said meadowing and arrable land last mentioned I lately bought of the said Thomas Jordan and Abraham Jordan, unto John Greasbrooke, the younger, my Grandchild, for and dureing the tearme of his naturall life, and after his decease, then to the heires of his bodye lawfully begotten or to be begotten; and in defalte of such issue then to Timothy Greasbrooke, my Grandchild, and unto his heires for ever. Item I give, devise, and bequeath all that my Cottage, house, messuage, or tenement, with the app'tenances situate in Wigginshill aforesaid, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield, with the barne there unto adjoyning; And allsoe the garden and orchard thereunto belonging; And allsoe one land or ridge of arrable land lyeing and being in the said Wigginshill ffields, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield and Countie of Warwicke, and lying a longe by the side of the said Crafte called Harr Crofte, excepting the balke betweene the said land and the said Harr Crofte, all which said p'mises I lately bought of the said Thomas Jordan and Abraham Jordan, unto my said Grandchild Timothy Greasbroke and unto the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten, and in defalte of such issue, then unto my said Grandchild John Greasbrooke, the yonger, and unto his heires for ever. Item I give, devise, and bequeath all that afore excepted balke, lying between the said Harr Crofte and the land given to my Grandchild Timothy Greasbrooke, in the said Wigginshill ffields, And allsoe all my parte of the fold yard behinde the said house given unto the said Timothy Greasbrooke, my Grandchild, by this my will, unto my said Grandchild John Greasbrooke, the yonger, and unto his heires for ever, excepting, and allways reserving, unto the said Timothy Greasbrooke, my grandchild, his heires and assignes, free libertie of ingresse, egresse, and regresse, into and thorow the said fold yard to bringe in anythinge to or from his house with teames or horses, or sett ladders, bring timber, com and go with his workmen, and any other materials,

to thatch, tile, or otherways to repare his house, or any other necessary use or occasion, without any disturbance or hindrance whatsoever of him the said John Greasbrooke, his heires, or assignes, or any other p'son or p'sons whatsoever claiming by, from, or under him, them, or any of them. I give and bequeath unto the said John Greasbrooke the yonger, my grandchild, my table and frame, and the formes to the same belonging, and standing in my Hall House in Wigginshill aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto my Granchild Thomas Cooke, the brother of my Granchild John Cooke, the some of Tenn pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be payed unto him by my Executor within twelve monthes nexte after my decease. Item I give and bequeath the remainder of my Lease of certaine grounds in Greaves, in the said p'ish of Sutton Colefield, called Burnecrofts, which I hold by lease from Henry Pudsey Esq. to my said grandchildren John Greasbrooke, the yonger, and John Cooke, eaqually to be held betweene them, paying the rente eaqually betweene them. Item all the rest of my goods, cattle, and chattells whatsoever, my debtes, legacies, and ffunerall expenses satisfied and discharged, I doe wholly give, devise, and bequeath unto my said Grandchild John Cooke for ever, whome I constitute, make, and ordaine my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, not doubting but that he will carefully and conscionably performe the same. And I doe hereby revoake and make voyd all former and other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made, and I doe declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I, the said John Greasbrooke, the Elder, have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

JOHN GREASBROOKE.

Signed, sealed, and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said John Greasbrooke, the Elder, as it is in foure places interlyned, in the p'sence of Philip Best, Maud Bennett, Elizabeth Brookes by her X marke.

[Proved at Lichfield June 16, 1671. Total of Inventory £143 : 8 : 6.]

THE WILL OF JOHN GRAZEBROOKE,*

of Coleborne-Brook,† co. Stafford (1702), is dated "this 26th day of December, in the first year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Queen Anne, A.D. 1702," and was proved at Worcester 19 June, 1703, by Keturah Grazebrooke, the relict and sole executrix. Gives "the sum of £20 a peece" to his three daughters, Ann, Dorothy, and Sarah, "when they shall severally attain the age of 21 years, or at the days of their respective marriages with their mother's consent, which shall first happen." Residue to his "dear & loving wife Keturah." Witnessed by Thos. Milward, Wm. Thomas, and Walter Blount. Inventory made by Gray Jevon and Thomas Dancer, June 9, 2nd Anne.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH GRAZBROOK,‡

of the parish of Oldswinford, widow, is dated June 28, 1727, and was proved at Worcester by Benjamin Hallen, her son and sole executor, on the 31st of July same

* The testator was born in 1676, the son of John, who died in 1706, and grandson of Michael. See Register extracts hereafter.

† Near Stourbridge, in the hamlet of Amblecote, and parish of Oldswinford.

‡ The testatrix was the widow of John Grazebrook, senior (eldest son of Michael), who died in 1706, and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Hunt, of Chaddesley Corbett, co. Worcester, where she was baptized Aug. 31, 1660. The will of her father, Thomas Hunt (who, it incidentally appears, was the son of a John Hunt), is dated Dec. 8, 1663, and was proved at Worcester by the executors, William Penn, of Bradford, in Belbroughton, gent., and Francis Jordan, of Chaddesley.

year. She mentions her sons, Samuel Hallen, Benjamin Hallen, and John Grazbrook, her daughters, Anne Batchelor and Sarah Hallen, and her servant Elizabeth Dimmock. Witnessed by Ann Hallen and Joseph Russell. Inventory made July 27, 1727, by Jeremiah Lowe and Joseph Hart.

Marriage Allegation of John Grasebrook and Elizabeth Holland, 1704.

(From the Bishop's Registry, Worcester.)

1704, May 20. John Grasebrook, of Stourbridge, glass-maker, aged about 56, a widower, and William Hunt of Chaddesley Corbett, aged about 41,* schoolmaster, alleged on oath that a marriage was intended between the abovenamed John Grasebrook and Elizabeth Holland of Oldswinford, aged about 45, a widow. His parents were both deceased; her father was deceased and her mother was consenting. Whereupon a license issued for the marriage "solemnizand' in ecclesiâ de Swinford p'dict aut Chadsley." [The marriage took place at Chaddesley Corbett in 1704.]

Will of Michael Grazebrook† of Stourbridge, 1756.

In the name of God, Amen. I Michael Grazebrook, of the Heath, in the parish of Oldswinford, in the county of Worcester, glass-maker, this 17th day of November, in the 30th year of the reign of King George the Second, and in the year of our Lord 1756, being sick & weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind, memory, & understanding, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following (that is to say). First, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to be buryed at the discretion of my executrix herein after named. And as for my worldly estate I give and dispose thereof in manner & form following. First I give and bequeath to my son Michaell Grazebrook, one shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth‡ Grazebrook all my real and personal estate whatsoever, to her sole use, benefit, and disposal. And lastly I do nominate & appoint my said wife Elizabeth Grazebrook to be my sole executrix of

Besides his dau. Elizabeth, he had issue John, Henry, Dorothy, Mary, Giles, Thomas, Katherine, and William. Samuel Hallen, or Holland, the first husband of the testatrix, was buried at Oldswinford Feb. 2, 1702-3. This name occurs pretty frequently in the Oldswinford registers. Thomas Holland and Margery Harrison were married there July 11, 1603; Joan, the wife of John Holland, was buried Aug. 19, 1617; Constance, the wife of Cornelius Holland, was buried Dec. 8, 1651; Samuel, the son of Cornelius *Holland*, was bapt. March 31, 1656; Cornelius *Hallen* was buried Oct. 29, 1682; Danett, son of Edward Hallen, was bapt. June 19, 1686; Samuel, the son of Samuel Hallen, was bapt. Nov. 24, 1691; Benjamin, son of the same, Feb. 5, 1693-4; Elizabeth, dau. of the same, May 16, 1696; Cornelius, son of Mr. Edward Hallen, Sept. 27, 1697; Anne, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth Hallen, in Oct. 1702, etc. etc.

* William Hunt was the brother of Elizabeth Hallen (afterwards Grazebrook), and father of Elizabeth, the wife of Michael Grazebrook, whose will follows. The following extracts are from the parish registers of Chaddesley Corbett:—

1662-3. Jan. 29. William, son of Thomas Hu't, bapt[d].

1687. May 22. William Hunt & Ann Hancox marry'd.

1692. Elizabeth, daughter of William & An Hunt was baptized April the 20th.

Anne (1688), Susannah (1690), William (1695), and Thomas (1700), other children of William and Anne Hunt, were also baptized at Chaddesley.

† The testator was baptized at Oldwinsford Feb. 11, 1687-8, the son of Joseph and grandson of Michael.

‡ 1718, May 13. Michael Grazebrook, of the parish of Oldswinford, glass-maker, aged about 29, a bachelor, and William Hunt, of Chaddesley Corbett, schoolmaster, alleged upon oath that a marriage was intended between the aforesaid Michael and Elizabeth Hunt, of Oldswinford, aged about 26, a maiden. Their parents on both sides were living and consenting. Whereupon a licence issued for the marriage to be solemnized in the parish church of Oldswinford. (Bishop's Registry, Worcester.)

this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.—Michael Grazebrook.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the said Michael Grazebrook in the presence of us who subscribed our names in the testator's presence and at his request—Edward Turner—Ann Constable—Stephen Skynner.

25 Oct. 1757. The executrix above named was sworn in common form before me—Thomas Miles, Surrogate (Worcester). [No inventory found.]

Michael Grazebrook, 1766.

Michael Grazebrook, of Audnam, in the parish of Kingswinford, co. Stafford, master glassmaker, by will dated March 7, 1766, and proved in London in May same year, bequeaths sundry legacies amounting in the whole to £850. Gives to his eldest daughter, Mary, a house in Amblecote; mentions his wife, Sarah,* and her estates at Wolverley and Belbroughton, Worcestershire; his daughters Susannah, senior, and Sarah, junior; his two sons, Thomas Worrall Grazebrook and Michael Grazebrook, and his servant William Grafton. Children all young. His wife, and his friends Mr. John Hurtle,† of Wolverley, and Mr. William Hunt, of Stourbridge, to be executrix and executors. (P.C.C.)

Extract from 'The History and Antiquities of Shenstone, in the County of Stafford, illustrated. Together with the Pedigrees of all the Families and Gentry, both Antient and Modern, in that Parish. By the late Rev. Henry Sanders, B.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, and thirteen years Curate of Shenstone.' (London: Nichols, 1794.)‡

Page 97:—"At the mansion-house now belonging to Mr. Houghton of Hintz, and which formerly was much more considerable, resided a family of some character, named *Greisbrook*. They are spoken of in the register-book in 1580, and might have been found before this date if any earlier records of this place could be found. They were possessed of much land here, particularly that named *The Statfolds* and *Littlefield*, which were purchased by John Rawlins, esq., of Lichfield. After his death this mansion, with these and other lands, passed to the late John Houghton, esq., in right of his wife, grand-daughter of the said Mr. Rawlins, who now possesses them.

"Greisbrook owned part of the Bull-Moor fields, which became afterwards the property of Edward Smith, gent. Also land sold to — Alsop, and from him conveyed to Thomas Bedle. A meadow, formerly part of the common field, called Broad Meadow, which came into the hands of the Latimers and Creswells of this parish; from them to the late Mr. Dolphyn, and to the present Mr. Dolphyn; likewise a piece of the Bull-Moors, afterwards the estate of — Higgins, after of Benjamin Colier, and from him by purchase to Gilbert Walmsley, of Lichfield, esq., and now in his heirs.

* She was the only d. and h. of Thomas Worrall of Austcliffe Wolverley, co. Worcester, afterwards of Stourton, co. Stafford, and was baptized at Wolverley Feb. 26, 1722. She also succeeded to the Stourton estate of her uncles, Richard Worrall and the Rev. John Worrall. She died June 7, 1799, aged 78, and was buried at Oldswinford.

† Of Sion Hill, Wolverley, Esq. He was High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1774, and died s. p. in 1792.

‡ This work is very scarce, a large number of copies having been destroyed by fire at Messrs. Nichols's soon after it was published.

"Greisbrook, whence the family had their name, is a manor in Yorkshire,* which, in the reign of King Henry III., was in the great house of Mowbray, of whom the Greisbrooks held their lands. Roger de Greisbrook (*t.* Henry II.) is mentioned† as holding of the fee of Alice, Countess of Angie, or Ewe, daughter of William de Albiney, Earl of Arundel, by Queen Alice, relict of King Henry I.

"Thomas Greisbrook and Elizabeth his wife had, besides other children, a daughter Margery,‡ born in November, 1580; the same month died Elizabeth his wife; and in July, 1582, their daughter. Richard Greisbrook, son of Robert, was baptized September 20, 1585.

"Rowland Greisbrook and Isabel Yardley were married in April, 1598; they had Thomas, who died young, Robert, and four daughters: Grace, Penelope, Anne, and Elizabeth. Robert had a daughter Susanna born in 1656. Robert Greisbrook,§ gent., and Jemima, daughter of Mr. William Grace, were married on July 8, [*sic* year omitted] and had issue, 1. William, baptized May 6, 1673; 2. Robert, born 1674, and died in 1681; ‖ 3. John, born in February, 1681; 5. [*sic*] Robert, and five daughters—1. Elizabeth, born in 1676, and died in 1729; 2. Joan, born in 1679; 3. Jemima, born in 1685–6; 4. Sarah, born in 1693 and died¶ in 1699; 5. Anne, who died in February, 1698–9.

"John Walton, of Bagington, and Margery Greisbrook were married August 28, 1682. Thomas Cramp and Sarah Greisbrook were married January 19, 1721-2. Robert married Elizabeth, daughter of — Grosvenor, of Wolverhampton, c of Codsall, near it, but died without issue in 1727.** Jemima, daughter of Mr. Grace, and wife of Robert Greisbrook†† the elder, died in 1724, aged 77.

"In 1655 Robert Greisbrook was witness to a covenant of marriage between Ralph Thickbroom and Margaret Cook, of Little Hay. In 1667 he paid 1*s.* 4*d.* to the quarterly royal aid, and 3*s.* 0*d.* for land of Mr. Floyer.

"Thomas Cramp and Sarah Greisbrook had four children—Greisbrook, and three daughters, Sarah, Jemima, and Ruema, the latter living in 1768 unmarried; the two eldest daughters married and had issue, but both are dead. Greisbrook Cramp was heir to his uncle Robert, is a farmer at Cowerne in Herefordshire, and by — his wife, daughter of — Darlaston of Ilford in Staffordshire, hath two sons. Sarah Greisbrook secondly married John Lea, and had Dorothy, Jane, and Elizabeth."

Will of John Gresbroke of Footherley, in the Parish of Shenstone, co. Stafford, 1541.

In Dei no'i'e Amen, the ye'r of o^r^ Lord God miiiij^c^xlj, I Jhon Gresbroke, of ffullerley, whole in mynd and sycke in body make my last . . . . this man^r^ folowyng: fyrst I bequeyth my sowle to Almyghty God, my body to be buryed in the church

* Near Rotherham, now usually written Greasbrough; but as lately as 1829 Mr. Wainwright in his 'History of Strafford and Tickhill,' writes it Greasbrooke. The place is referred to in the *post mortem* inquest of Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, taken at Nottingham in 1628, and is there written in four different ways, viz. Gresbroke, Greasbrook, Gresebrooke, and Greysbrook. At the Inquisition taken in 15 Edward II. on the death of William de Tynneslowe, the jury found that the deceased held (*inter alia*) a messuage and two bovates of land in Gresbroke of Roger de Clifford as of the manor of Kymberworth. This William de Tynneslowe, or Tinsley, was the son of Sir Henry de Tinsley, who, according to Gascoigne's 'Account of the Wentworth Family,' was the son of one Adam or Eddc, who is found with the additions of de Gresbroke and de Rotherham.

"There was at an early period an Adam de Gresebrok whose possessions came to the Tinsleys, and from them to the Wentworths." ('An Account of Greasbrough,' compiled by the Rev. Edward Goodwin, of Sheffield.)

Adam de Gresebroc and Robert his brother attest (with others) a Shenstone charter of *temp.* Henry III., quoted in Shaw's 'Staffordshire' under Shenstone.

† The writer has never been able to discover Mr. Sanders's authority for this.

‡ According to the parish register Margery was the daughter of "*Robert* Gresbroke."

§ "He paid four shillings to the poll-tax for himself, wife, and two children."

‖ Query, was it not Robert Greisbrooke, the *father*, who died in 1681?

¶ Query? She mar. Thomas Cramp. It must have been another Sarah who died 1699.

** Should be 1728.

†† "Robert Greisbrook the elder died in 1718."

of S'nt Jho' de Shenst . . . . And aft^{r} my detts be . . . . & payd, I will that Elyzabeth . . . . wyfe, and all my chyld^{r} have Imongst them the resydeu of my go'd'.

[Apud Lich' 23 Mar. 1546. Test' Joh'is Gresbroke de p'och' de Shenston p' . . . . relict' et ex'or jurat'. Ref' ab jure Rolandi Rugley, generosi . . . . (*Act Book at Lichfield, fo.* 58.)]

Will of Thomas Gresbroke, of Shuttington, co. Warwick, 1551–2.

In the name of God Ame' ye yere of our Lord God mecccclj, & xiiij day february in ye vi yere of ye Reynyng of oure moyst drad sufferane lord Edward ye vi by ye grace of God of Ynglaud ffraunce & Ireland kyng, defender of ye feyth, in herth under God of ye churche of Ynglaud & also of Ireland ye sup'me hed. I Thomas Gresbroke, of Shutyngton, in ye counte of Warwycke, of hole & p'fect memory, but yet feyryng ye tyrable & uncerte' owre of deth, do orde' & make my testement & last wyll in maner & forme foloyng; furst I bequeth my solle to Almyghte God, & my body to be buryed in ye churche yerde of sent Cuthbert of Shutyngto'. It. I bequeth to ye poremans box ij^{s}. I bequeth to ye Reperacon of ye long byrg vi^{s} & viij^{d} to be payd whan ther ys ane foundacon to be mayd & alsoe I bequeath to Hugh Mylner, my God sonne v^{s} & every one of my God chelder ij^{d}. And I bequeth to Raffe Rede v^{s} in condyco' that he be have hym selfe as he sholde do to hys dame. Also ye residu of my goods not bequethed I bequeth to Margere, my Wyffe, and to Homffre Smyth, my sonne in lawe, home I make my lawfull executors, and the to occupy my goods to gether so long as the chane agree; and yf it so fortu' that Margery my Wyffe marye, or that the canot agree, then I will that my goods be partyd in thre parts and Homffre my sonne in law to have to of the parts and Margere my Wyffe, to have the thyrde partt; theys beyng wyttnes, Roger Warwycke, Homffrey Geffrey, Homffrey Darlaston, w^{t} other men.

[Probate granted at Lichfield, March 23, 1551–2, to Margerie Gresbroke, the relict, and Humfrey Smyth "filium in legibus," the executors. Inventory taken 10 March, 6 Edw. VI., by Humfrey Geffrey, Roger Warwycke, and Hum. Darlaston.]

Will of Robert Gresbroke, of Shenstone, 1569.

In the name of God, Amen, the second day of December in the yere of our Lord God a thousand, five hundreth, threscore and nine, I Rob'te Gresbroke, of Shenston, in the countye of Stafford, Yoman, whole in bodye & of p'fytt mynde and remembrance, thanks be geven unto God, make & declare thys my last Will & Testament in man^{r} & forme hereafter foloynge; ffyrst I bequeth my sole unto Almyghtye God, my maker, Saviour, & Redeemer, & my bodye to be buryed in the p'ishe churche of Shenston, nere unto father & mother when it shall please God to take me to hys m^{r}cye. It'm I geve & bequethe unto John Gresbroke, my oldest sonne, yf he be nowe lyvynge, foure pounds of lawfull money of Ingland, and upon condicion that the sayd John shall release unto Rob'te Gresbroke, my yonger sonne, all hys right, int^{r}est, tytle, clayme, & demande that he hath, or shall have, in or to all suche messuags, lands, ten'ts, medowes, lesowes, pastures, rents, rev^{r}cons, c^{r}mees, & herydytaments whatsoev^{r} whiche be or were of thenherytaunce of me the said Rob'te, or of John Gresbroke, my father, sett', lyeing, & beynge in Shenston, foresayd, or ells where within the realme of Ingland. And yf the sayd John refuse so to do, then I wyll that the sayd foure ponndes shalbe bestowed & imployed in defendynge of the right of the said Rob'te, my yonger sonne, and to the use of the poore people in Shenston aforesayd. And the resydewe of my goods not before bequethed, (I honestly brought home, & my debts & legac's payd,) I wyll that they shalbe devyded in three p'ts, savyng onely all my leac's, toe bedstyds, toe bords, toe coffers, one cuppborde, & one saltynge tubb; and after suche devysyon thereof had & mayd as

aforesayd, that one p'te thereof shalbe unto Anne, nowe my Wyffe, & the other toe p'ts thereof equally to be devyded betwene Rolande Gresbroke, Willm Gresbroke, my toe yongest sonnes, and Elizabeth Gresbroke, Elene Gresbroke, & Margarett Gresbroke, my daughters. And if any of my said children fortune to decease before they shall have receaved ther portions, then I will that the p'te of hym or her or such of the said ch . . . . deceased . . . .* they shall accomplyshe the age of xxi yeres & not married shalbe equally devyded amongt suche of them as shalbe then lyvyng. And I will and bequeth unto Rob'te Gresbroke, my said sonne, all my leac's, toe bedstyds, toe bords, toe coffers, one cupborde, & one saltynge tubb. It'm I ordeyne, constitute, & make my welbelovyd Wyffe and my said sonne Rob'te, my true & lawfull executors to see thys my last will and testament truly p'formed, and John M^r^ton, of Licheneld, bokebynder, over seer of this my last will & testament that yt may be truly p'formed, and for hys paynes takyn therin I geve unto the said John vj^s^ viij^d^. In witness whereof to thys my p^r^sente last will & testamente I have putt my seall, the daye & yere above written; these beynge witnesses, Humfrey Ilsley, Willm ffowler, James ffynche, John Smythe, teylor, Thomas Ilsley, & others.

[Proved at Lichfield July 31st, 1570.]

Pedes finium 4 & 5 Elizab. Mich^s^. Staffordshire. } Final concord made at Westminster the Octave of Michaelmas, between Humfrey Bourne & Richard Deykin, Plaintiffs, and Robert Greysbrooke and Anne his wife, Deforciants, of 3 messuages, 4 cottages, 2 tofts, 6 gardens, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 20 acres of moor, 20 acres of marsh, 40 acres of furze and heath, and 6*s*. rent, with the appurtenances, in Shenston, Fowderley, Overstonehall, Lynde, and Chesterfield.

William Gresbrooke, 1580.

William Gresbrooke, of Birmingham, co. Warwick, died intestate, and administration of his goods was granted on the 14th of September, 1580, to Richard Gresbrooke his son.

[*Act Book, Lichfield.* The administration papers are missing.]

Will of Robert Greasbrooke, of Shenstone, 1611.

In the name of God Amen, the xv^th^ day of Maie in the ninth yeare of the raigne of our sou^r^aigne Lord James by the grace of God Kinge of England, ffraunce, and Ireland, and of Scotland the xliij^th^, Defender of the Faith, &c., and in the yeare of oure Lord 1611, I Rob'te Greasbrooke, of Shenston, in the County of Staff., Yeoman, sicke in body, but in p'fect remembrance, (thanks be to God) doe ordaine and make my last Will and Testament in man^r^ and forme followinge: ffirst I bequeath my soule to Almighty God, my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the church of Shenston. Item I will that all my owne p'p^r^ debts shalbe payed by my Executors hereafter named to such persons as the same are dew & owinge by me out of all such goods and cattells as yt shall please God that I shall leave at the time of my decease. Item I will, devise, geve, and bequeth unto my daughter, Alce Hodgkins, all my lands, rents, rev^r^cons, and hereditaments wth thapp^r^tenances w^th^in the Lordship of Shenston aforesaid wch I had and p^r^chased of Thomas Greendon, John and Rob't Hardinge, and Willm Sylvester of the Ashcrofts and of aney or aney of them, to have and to hold to the said Alice my daughter for and towards the bringing up, mayntenance, & p^r^ferment of her children during her natural life, and after her decease I will, devise, give, and bequeath all and singular the p^r^mises so gyven and bequeathed unto the said Alice as aforesaid unto John Hodgkins, sonne

* Interlined and illegible.

of the said Alice and his heirs for ever. Also I will, give, and bequeath unto the said Alice, my said daughter, all the estate, intrest, & terme of yeares wch I have, or may have, of and in that p'cell of medow or ground in Shenston aforesaid wch I lately had of Homfrey Cooke, dureinge all such terme as I have in the same, for the payment of such debts as I lately paid for the said Homfrey. Also my will and mind ys that the said Alice, my daughter, and John Hodgkins, her sonne, shall p'mitt and suffer the water of my mill to have hit ffull passage as yt now doth during all such time as Sr Gilbert Wakeringe, Knight, hath in the same. Item I ordaine and make my welbeloved wyfe my executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my seale the day and yeare aforesaid.

Sig. X Rob'ti Greisbrooke.

Sealed and delivered in the p'snts of Roland ffryth, Wm ffryth.

[Proved at Lichfield Sep. 18th, 1613, by Margery Greisbrooke, the widow and executrix. Inventory taken 29 June, 1611, by Rowland Rugeley, John Cooke, James Fletcher, William Priest, and Nich'as Thorneton.]

Pedes finium 21 Eliz. Easter. Staffordshire. } Fine made at Westminster from Easter in fifteen days. Between Robert Greysbrooke, Plaintiff, and John Hardyn and Joan his wife, and Robert Hardyn and Eleanor his wife, Deforciants, of 10 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood, with the appurtenances, in Shenston.

Administration of Margery Greisbrooke, of Shenstone, 1613.

Margery Greisbrooke, of Shenstone, co. Stafford, widow, died intestate, and administration was granted at Lichfield Jan. 19, 1613–14, to Alice Greisbrooke *alias* Hodgkins, the natural and lawful daughter of the deceased. Inventory taken the last day of December, 1613, by John Cooke, Wm Smyth, Wm Priest, and James fletcher.

Administration of Robert Graisbrook, of Shenstone, 1718.

Robert Graisbrook, senior, of Shenstone, died intestate, and administration of his effects was granted at Lichfield Dec. 31st, 1718, to Jemima Graisbrook, widow, the relict. Sureties Christopher Coleire and William Smith. Inventory made by Thomas Grace and William Smith.

Inscription on a Tombstone at Shenstone.

He lyeth the body of Jemima wife of Robert Graisbrook, gent., daughter of William Grace,* Vicar of Shenstone, died Sept. ye 19, 1723, æt. 77. Also Elizabeth, her daughter, died May 15, 1729, aged 51.

* For an account of the family of Grace, see Sander's 'History of Shenstone,' p. 92 *et seq.* The Rev. Wm. Grace, M.A., married Joanna, daughter of — Woolley, Esq., of Newton Hall, in the Thistles, Leicestershire, who, says Sanders, was related to Archbishop Sheldon, and to Henry Grey, Earl of Kent.

Will of Robert Graisbrook of Shenstone, 1728.

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Graisbrook of Shenston, in the County of Stafford, being of perfect mind and memory, but weak in body, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it mee, and my debts to be paid, and my body to be decently brought home at the charge of my Executors hereafter mentioned. Impr'is I give and bequeath to Sarah, my now wife, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings yearly during her naturall life. Itm I give and [bequeath] to Graisbrooke, the son of Thomas and Sarah Cramp, my house and p'misses thereunto belonging lying and being in Shenston, paying thirty shillings yearly out of it to the schoolmaster of Shenston for the schooling of four poore children within Shenston to be payd yearly for ever.* And my wife to be payd yearly out of the estate at Shenston. Itm I give to William, the son of William Smith and Elizab. his wife, the sum of one hundred pounds. Itm I give to John, the son of William Smith and Elizab. his wife the sum of one hundred pounds. Item I give to Josiah the son of William Smith and Eliz. his wife the sum of one hundred pounds. Item I give to my sister Jemima Winterton's two sons and one daughter the sum of Three hundred pounds, each one hundred pounds. Itm I give to the three daughters Three hundred pounds equally divided betwixt them (the daughters of Thomas Cramp† aforesayd). These legacys to be payd when each child comes to age, and then to be payd by my Executors hereafter mentioned and they to be payd foure pounds p^r ann. till they come to age by my Executor. Itm I give to Joseph Smart and Mary his wife, and to Francis and John the sum of Ten shillings a piece, and to Joseph the sum of Five pounds, Francis, Joseph, and John being the sons of Jos. Smart. Itm I give to Joseph Collins, of Sutton, Twenty shillings. Itm I nominate and appoynt Thomas Cramp to be my sole Executor for the true performance of this my last Will and Testament, renouncing and revokeing all others. In witness I put my hand and seale the 20 July, 1728.

Robert Graisbrooke. (L. S.)

Witness John Percivall, George X Smart, his mark, Charles Savage.

Memorandum, if any loss should happen in payment of my money to my executor, then each of my sister's children to bear an equal share of that loss. Joseph Smart, his wife, and Francis and John to be paid in one yeare after my decease.

Proved at Lichfield. With the will are filed two affidavits, as follows:—Affidavit of Charles Savage, of Shenstone, schoolmaster. Was sent for by Robert Greisbrooke, gent., to make his will, and did so, and the said will was properly executed in his presence.

Affidavit of George Smart, of Shenstone, weaver and tow dresser, that he knew Robert Greisbrooke, the testator, and being at the house of Joseph Smart, where the said Robert Greisbrooke, the deceased in this cause, lived, or had a room to lodge in, was called up to the said Mr. Robert Greisbrooke's room by Charles Savage, this deponent's fellow witness, to be a witness to the said will; found the said Robert "on the bed with his cloaths on," but when this deponent entered the room he immediately arose and duly signed, sealed, and executed his will.

* "The following gift is fairly preserved on a mural table in Shenstone Church:—'Mr Robert Greisbrooke, of Shenstone, left 30^s to a schoolmaster at Shenstone for the schooling of four poor children of Shenstone, to be issuing out in the same village; given by will to his nephew Greisbrooke Cramp, to be paid yearly for ever. This was set up by Thomas Barfoot and J. Jackson.'" (Shaw's 'Staffordshire.')

† The will of Thomas Cramp, of Longdon, co. Stafford, gent., is dated Sep. 20, 1728, and was proved in London March 10th following. He mentions his wife Sarah, his son Greysbrook Cramp, and his three daughters, Sarah, Jemima, and Quima. Witnesses Richd Wotton, Tho. Hately, Edwd Gerry.

ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS *penes* H. S. G.

23 Charles II. 1671, June 23rd. } Indenture of this date between Robert Greisbrooke, the younger, of Shenstone, co. Stafford, gentleman, Robert Greisbrooke, the elder, of the same place, gentleman, "father of the said Robert Greisbrooke, the younger," of the one part; and Samuell Stevenson, of Sutton Colefield, co. Warwick, gentleman, of the other part. Whereby the said Greisbrookes mortgage to the said S. Stevenson "All that Capitall Messuage, Mantion House, or Tenement, situate, lying, and being in Shenston aforesaid in the said county of Stafford, with the barnes, buildings, yards, gardens, orchards, backsides, and appurtenances thereunto belonging. And also one croft, close, or backside, to the same Capitall Messuage, Mantion House, or Tenement belonging and adjoyneing, containing by estimae'on ffive acres, be the same more or less. And alsoe those two water corne Mills, in the parish of Shenston aforesaid, now, late, or heretofore called Greisbrooke Mills, or the Uppr Mills, adjoyneing or neare unto a Medowe called Poole-bridge Medowe, and to another p'cell of ground called Littlefield. And alsoe the scyte, current, soyle, buildings, ffishings, soake, griste, comodityes, and advantages, to the said two water corne Mills belonging or app'teyneing; which said Capitall Messuage, Mantion House, or Tenement, Croft, or backsides, Mills, or other the menc'oned p'misses late or heretofore were in the occupac'on of the said Robert Greisbrooke the Eldr, or his assignes, and are now in the holding or occupac'on of the said Robert Greisbrooke the youngr or his Assignes."

Signed by "Robert Gr*ie*sbrooke iunior" and "Robert Gr*ei*sbrooke senior" in the presence of "Richard Averey"* and two others.

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32 Charles II. 1680, March 26. } Indenture of this date between John Cotterell of Footherley in the parish of Shenston, yeoman, of the one part, and Robert Greisbrooke, the younger, of Shenston aforesaid, gentleman, of the other part. Whereby the said John sells to the said Robert 20 acres of land, etc., called Barnewoods, adjoining to Lyne Lane and to land of the said Robert called Dunstall, etc., in the parish of Shenstone.

1727. Jan. 15th. } Mortgage by Benjamin Linton, of Bilston, co. Stafford, and Judith his wife, for £100, of their share in the Russell's Hall estate, in the parish of Dudley, to Robert Greisbrooke, of Shenston, gentleman. Signed by "Robert Graisbrooke."

1730. Feby 12th. } Release, etc., between Linton and wife, etc., of the one part, and John Lea, of Shenston, yeoman, and Sarah his wife, who was relict and executrix of the last will of Thomas Cramp, late of Longdon in the county of Stafford, gentleman, deceased; which Thomas Cramp was executor of the last will of Robert Greisbrooke, late of Shenstone, gentleman, deceased, of the other part. Recites that the said Robert Greisbrooke made his will on 20th July, 1728, etc., and appointed the said Thomas Cramp his executor, who duly proved the will in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Lichfield. That the said Thomas Cramp made his will on Sept. 20, 1728, and appointed his wife Sarah executrix, who proved the same in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. That the said John Lea "afterwards, viz. on the 19th of Feb. 1729, married and took to wife the said Sarah Cramp, whereby he became entitled," etc., etc. Signed by "John Lea" and "Sarah Lea."

* The will of Richard Averey, of Arley, co. Warwick, gent., dated June 18, 1703, contains this bequest:—"Item I give and bequeath unto the children of my cosin Robert Greisbrooke, senr, ffifty pounds sterling to be equally divided amongst them."

Extracts from Parish Registers.

Shenstone, co. Stafford (commence in 1579).

1580. Margery Gresbroke, the dau'r of Robert* Gresbroke was christened the v Nov^r.

„ Elizabeth Gresbroke, the wyf of Tho^m Gresbroke was buried the xxv of November.

1582. . . . .† Gresbroke, the dau'r of Tho^m Gresbroke was buried the last of July.

1585. Richard Gresbroke sonne of Rob'te Gresbroke was baptyzed the xx day of September.

1598. Rowland Gresbroke was marr. to Sibell Yardley the . . . .‡

1599. Grace Gresbroke, the dau'r of Rolaud Gresbroke and Sibell his wyf was Baptyzed the seventh day of Nov^r.

1603. Thomas Gresbrooke, the Son of Rowland Gresbrooke & Sible his wife was Baptyzed ye 16 of March.

1604. Thomas Gresbrooke, the Son of Rowland Gresbrooke & Sibilla his wife, was buried the 24 of May.

1605. Amy, the dau'r of Rowland Gresbrooke & Sibill his wife was baptized the 8 of September.

1608. Penelope and Elizabeth, the dau'rs of Rowland Gresbrooke and Sible his wife, were baptized 2 Oct.

(From 1610 to 1654 there is a gap in the register book, the leaves having been either lost or cut out.)

1656. Susanna, ye daughter of Robt Greysbrook, was baptized March ye first.

1672. Robert§ Gresbrooke, gent., and Mrs Gemima Grace weare married with a license they 8 day of July.

1673. William, they sonne of Robeart Gresbrooke Gent., and Gemima his wife was baptized they six day of May.

„ William, they sonne of Robeart Gresbrooke, Gent., and Gemima his wife was buried they 30 May.

1674. Robeart the sonne of Robeart Gresbrook, Gent., and Gemima his wife was baptized the first of September.

1676. Elizabeth, they daughter of Robeart Gresbrooke, Gent., and Jemima his wife was baptized they xxii of November.

1679. Joane, they daughter of Robeart Greisbrooke, Gent., & Gemima was baptized they 23 of November.

1681. Robert‖ Greisbrooke, gent., was buried May 26.

„ John, ye sonne of Robert Greisbrooke, Gent., and Jemima his wife was baptized Feb. 22.

1682. John Walton, of the parish of Bagginton & Margery Greisbrook, late of this parish (the Banns being thrice published) were married August 28th.

[1685. *Jemima,*¶ *daughter of Robert Greisbrooke and Jemima, bapt. Feb.* 10.]

1689. Josiah, ye sonne of Robert Greisbrooke & Jemima his Wife was baptized December 16.

1693. Sarah, the daughter of Robert Greisbrooke, Gent., & Jemima his wife was baptized December 27.

* Sanders, 'History of Shenstone,' says *Thomas.*

† *Margery*, according to Sanders.

‡ *April.*—Sanders.

§ Their marriage license describes the bridegroom as "Rob'tus Greysbrooke, de Shenston, in com' Staff' gen', ætatis 23 Annor' aut de circiter," and the bride as "Jemima Grace, de Shenston pred', ætatis 21 Annor' aut de circiter." He signs "Griesbrooke."—(Bishop's Registry, Lichfield.)

‖ In the transcripts of these registers at Lichfield he is called "*John* Gresebrooke."

¶ This entry is extracted from the transcripts at Lichfield. It is very singular that it does not occur in the original registers. She is mentioned in her brother Robert's will (1728) as "my sister Jemima Winterton."

1698. Anne Greisbrooke was buried Feb. 24.
1703. Sarah Grazbrook, wid., was buried Aug. 14.
1718. Robert Graisbrook, sen^{r}, gent., was buried 24th December.
1720. Thomas Cramp and Sarah Graisbrook, both of this parish, ye banns being published, were married ye nineteenth day of January.
1724. Bur^{d}* Jemima Graisbrook, wid. Sep. 10.

St. Michael's, Lichfield.

1602. Joane Greasbrooke, widdow, was buried 12th July A^{o} Dom. 1602.

St. Martin's, Birmingham.

(*Commence in* 1555.)

1555-6. Jan. 13. (Bapt.) Nicholas Greysbroke et Winifred Greysbroke, filii Henry.
1557. April 28. (Bur.) Henry Grayesbroke.
1573-4. Feb. 26. (Bapt.) William Colmer fil' William.
1580. July 27. (Bapt.) Mary Colmer,† filia William.

Middleton, co. Warwick.

(*Commence in* 1675; *no earlier transcripts at Lichfield.*)

1686. Nov. ye 5. Mrs Deborah Graisebrooke was buried.
1699. Dec. ye 10. Benjamin, son of Greasbrooke West & of *Ann* his wife was baptized.
1705. Feb. 3. Mary wife of Graissbrook West was buried.
1705. Feb. 8. Shem and Joseph, the sons of Greisbrook West and of Mary his wife *was* baptized.
1709. Octo. 28. Ann Greassbrook was buried.
1715. Oct. 30. Thomas, son of Greasbrook West, christened.
1749. Sept. 6. Greasbrook West was buried.

Hints, co. Stafford.

1576. Hugh Gresbrooke and Margrett Sayars were Wedded the 7 day of October the yere Beforesaid.
1577. Joan Gresbrooke daughter of Hugh Gresbrooke was Baptized ye xiv.(?) day of December and burryed the 28 day of the said month the yere beforesaid.
1580. Jane Gresbrooke the Daughter of Hugh Gresbroke was Baptized the 7 day of July the yere beforesaid.
1581. Joan Gresbrooke was burryed the 6 Day of May in the yere beforesaid.
1582. Nicholaus Dolma' & Margrett Gresbrooke were wedded xxvij Day of April the year beforesaid.
1583. Henry the son of Nicholaus Dolma' was Baptized xxv day of march in the yere Beforesaid.
1586. Elizabeth the Daughter of Hugh Gresbroke was Baptized the 19 day of May in the yere Beforesaid.
1588. Robert Gresbrooke on the 6 day of January in the yere beforesaid was buried.

* According to her tombstone she died in 1723, "Sep. ye 19."
† There are numerous Colmore entries in these Registers.

1592. John the son of Hugh Gresbroke was baptized and buried on the 19 of January in the yere beforesaid.
1604. Ann the daughter of Edward ffoxe was baptized on the 20 day of September in the yere beforesaid.
1605. *Emmes'* (or *Emmet'?*) Gressbrooke, Wyddoe was buried ye 7 day of Decemb'r ye yere beforesayd.
1606. The Register signed by H[ugh?] Greysbrooke and Edward Shewill churchwardens.
1608. Walter Greasbrook was buried the . . Day of September the yere beforesayd. (Searched to 1670. No further entry.)

Mem.—Parts of the years 1607 and 1608 are illegible, only a portion of a word here and there can be distinguished. The entries in the years 1635, 1636, and 1637, are also illegible. J. R. T., parish clerk.

Curdworth, co. Warwick.

(*Commence in* 1653.)

1655. Timothy Graisbrooke, son of John Graisbrooke and of Mary his wife was borne on Monday 28 of January and baptized the fifth day of February.
1664. Joane Greasbrook, the wife of John Greasbrook, the elder, was buried the 13th of May.
1668. Henry Hurst and Isabel Cooke were married Feb. 16.
1668. John Greasbrook and Mary Pattisson were married the same day (*i.e.* Feb. 16).
1671. John Greasbrook was buried May 24.
1671. Sarah Greasbrook the daughter of John Greasbrook & Mary his wife was baptized Jany 22.
1673. Thomas son of Robert Barnet, bapt. Feb. 16.
1673. Mary, daughter of John & Mary Greasbrook was baptized Decr 10.
1676. Abraham Allen, of the p'ish of Kingsbury & Mary Greasbrook of this p'ish were marr^d May 16.
1676. John the sonne of John Greasbrook and Mary was baptized Aug. 4. (Same entry under July 27.)
1679. Thomas son of John & Mary Greasbrook, bapt. Jany 26.
1700. John Greasbrook, of* ye parish of Sutton Coldfield, and Anne Moulde of ye parish of Middleton, marr^d September 12.
1700. Mary, wife of John Greasbrook, of Wigginshill. Bur^d Sept. 22.
1700. John Greasbrook, of Wigginshill. Bur^d Oct. 2.
1700. Mary, daughter of John Greasbrook, of Wigginshill. Bur^d Oct. 14.
1701. John, son of John Greasbrook. Bapt. Jany 1st.

(No entry of this name after 1701.)

Oldswinford, co.† Worcester (commence 1602).

1643. May 21. Jone the Daughter of Michaell Glasebrooke,‡ bapt.

* "Of Wigginshill," in the transcripts of these Registers at Lichfield.

† The parish of Oldswinford comprises the town of Stourbridge, and the hamlets of Lye, Wollescote, Wollaston, and Amblecote. A portion of the parish is in the county of Stafford. "Am.," attached to several of the entries, signifies that the person to whom the entry refers was of the Amblecote or Staffordshire part of the parish.

‡ Mr. Lower in his *Patronymica Britannica* states that the surname *Glazebrook* is "a recent corruption of *Grazebrook*." The latter he correctly derives from *Gresbrooke*, co. York. That the corruption is not *very* recent these Register extracts prove; but the substitution here of an *l* for an *r* is quite gratuitous on the part of the several persons who made the entries; and indeed is a *very common error in the neighbourhood at the present day*. Mr. Lower, however, is not strictly correct, for the surname Glazebrook, Glasebrook, etc., originated from the place so called near Warrington in Lancashire, where there was a family bearing the local name at least as early as the fourteenth century.

1645–6.	Feb. 22.	John, sonne of Michaell Glasbrooke, bapt.
1648.	July 1.	Robert, sonne of Michaell Glasbrook, bapt.
1652.	March 29.	Joseph, sonne of Michaell Glasbrooke, bapt.
1654.		Elizabeth, dau. of Michael Glasbrooke, borne 7 June.
1656.		Meriall, dau. of Michaell Glasbrooke, borne June 19, & bapt. July 5.
1658.		Michaell, s. of Michaell Glasbrooke, borne 8 May, & baptized 31st.
1658–9.	March 14.	Michaell, s. of Michaell Glasbrooke, buried.
1659.	Dec. 11.	Elizabeth, d. of Michaell Grasebrooke, buried.
1660.		Dorothy, Daughter of Michaell Glasbrook, born Aug. 16, & bapt. Aug. 27.
1661–2.	Jan. 24.	Dorothy, wife of Michaell Glasbrooke, buried.
1669.	Nov. 19.	Infant of John Grasebrooke, buried.
1670.	July 29.	Ann, wife of Michaell Glasbrooke, buried.
1671.	May 13.	Michaell, sonn of John Glasebrooke, bapt.
1671.	July 12.	Hosea Glasebrooke buried.
1671.	Dec. 23.*	. . . . son of John Glasebrooke, buried.
1672–3.	Feb. 24.	Elizabeth, d. of John Glasebrooke, bapt.
1676.	Dec. 10.	John, sonn of John Glasebrooke, bapt.
1679.	May 11.	Samuel, sonn of Joseph Grassbrooke, bapt.
1680–1.	Jan. 14.	Benjamin,† s. of Joseph Grassbrooke, bapt.
1682.	April 4.	Edward, s. of Joseph Grasebrook, bapt.
1684.	May 24.	Ann, d. of Joseph Grasebrook, bapt.
1685–6.	Feb. 1.	Dorothy, d. of Joseph Graysbrooke, bapt.
1686.	Sep. 6.	William Glasbrook buried.
1686–7.	Jan 29.	William, s. of William Glasbrook, bapt.
1687–8.	Feb. 11.	Michaell, s. of Joseph Glasbrook, bapt.
1689.	Ap. 17.	Micheall Grasebrooke buried.
1690.	July 5.	Sarah, d. of Joseph Grasebrooke, bapt.
1691–2.	Feb. 17.	Paule, s. of Joseph Grasebrooke, bapt.
1696–7.		Anne, dang^{r} of John Glasebrook, born Feb. 21, bapt. Feb. 27.
1701.		Sarah, d. of John Grazebrook, & Key [Keturah] his wife, born Nov. 30, bap. Dec. 8.
1701–2.	March 14.	Bridgett, the wife of John Grazebrook [sen^{r}] buried.
1702–3.	Jan. 2.	John Glazebrook [jun^{r}] buried.
1705.		John, s. of John & Elizabeth Glasebrook, born May 2, & bapt. May 12.
1705–6.	March 24.	William Glasebrook & Catharine Cartwright married.
1706.	May 3.	John Glasebrook buried.
1706–7.	Feb. 25.	Mary Hallen, d. of widow Glasebrook, bur^{d}.
1708.		Elizabeth, d. of William Gracebrook, and Catherine his wife, born Oct. 8, bapt. Oct. (? 9).
1710-11.	Jan. 30.	William Glazebrook buried.
1710-11.	Feb. 22.	John, s. of widow Glazebrook buried.
1712.	Sep. 27.	William Heathcock & Catharine Glasebrook married.
1718.‡	April 26.	Paul Glasebrook & Elizabeth Edwards married.

* *Sic*—blank.

† Benjamin Grazebrook settled at Bisley, co. Gloucester, and was ancestor of the Grazebrooks of that place, and of Stroud. He was buried at Bisley, July 10th, 1758, aged, according to the parish Register, 79, but according to his tombstone in Bisley churchyard, 81. He was really in his 78th year. The following is inscribed on his gravestone:—"Benjamin Grazebrook, of this town, died July 7, 1758, aged 81. Ann, his wife, died April 4, 1765, aged 70."

‡ April 25, 1718, Edward Haughton of Oldswinford, and George York of Stourbridge, made an affidavit alleging that a marriage was intended between Paul Grasebrook of Ambleeote, aged about 24, a bachelor, and Elizabeth Edwards of the same place, aged about 26, a widow. His parents were living and consenting; she was at her own disposal. License was accordingly granted for the marriage to be solemnized in Oldswinford church. (Bishop's Registry, Worcester.)

1718.	May 12.	Michael Glasebrook and Elizabeth Hunt married.
1718.	Aug. 22.	John Tilly & Dorothy Glasebrook married.
1718-19.		Joseph, s. of Paul & Elizabeth Glasebrook, born Jan. 21, bapt. 22.
1718-19.	March 15.	Joseph Glasebrook [infant] buried.
1719.		Anne, d. of Michael Grazbrook and Elizabeth his his (*sic*) born March 31st, Baptized Aprill the 4th.
1719.	Dec. 15.	Elizabeth Glasbrook buried. Am.
1720.		Elizabeth, d. of Paul & Elizabeth Grasbrooke, born March 21, bapt. March 27, 1720.
1720.		Paul, s. of Michael & Elizabeth Glasbrook, born Oct. 12, bapt. Oct. 16.
1723.		Michael, s. of Michael & Elizabeth Grasbrook, born June 21, bapt. 30th.
1725–6.	March 23.	Paul Grazbrook [infant ?] buried.
1725.		Elizabeth, d. of Michael & Elizabeth Grazbrook, born Oct. 19, bapt. 23.
1727.	July 13.	Elizabeth Grazbrook buried.
1728.	Sep. 13.	Joseph Grazbrook buried.
1730-31.	Jan. 24.	Susannah, d. of Michael & Elizabeth Grasbrook, bapt.
1731.	Dec. 16.	George Scott & Elizabeth Grasbrook married.
1733.	March 31.	Sarah, d. of Michael & Elizabeth Grasbrook bapt.
1733.	May 11.	Anne Grasbrook buried.
1734.	Sept. 29.	Paul Grasbrook buried.
1743.	Aug. 20.	Samuel Grasebrooke buried, aged 67.
1751.	Dec. 7.	Elizabeth Grazebrook buried. Am.
1756.	Dec. 13.	Michael Grazebrook buried.
1760.	Ap. 25.	John, s. of Samuel & Elizabeth Grazebrook, bapt.
1761.	Ap. 14.	Thomas Grazebrook buried. Am.
1764.	July 8.	Paul Grazebrook buried. Am.
1766.	May 17.	Michael Grazebrook buried. Amblecote.
1766.*	Sept. 10.	Benjamin Littlewood & Sarah Grazebrook married by licence. Witnesses Eliz. Haynes, Joshua Hemus.
1767.	May 15.	Catherine Heathcock buried.
1768.	Dec. 17.	Susannah Senior Grazebrook buried. Am.
1768.	Dec. 20.	Sarah Junior Grazebrook buried. Am.
1771.	Feb. 15.	Elizabeth Grazebrook buried. Am.
1780.†		John Addenbrooke Homfray & Elizabeth Grazebrook married.
1786.‡	March 18.	Richard Brettell and Mary Grazebrook married. Witnesses Thos Worrall Grazebrook, John Hurtle.
1799.	June.	Sarah Grazebrook (widow) buried.
1816.	Aug. 13.	Thomas Worrall Grazebrook buried, aged 60.
1826.	June 17.	Michael Grazebrook buried, aged 68.

* The affidavit on application for their marriage license describes the bridegroom as a widower, and the bride as a spinster. (Bishop's Registry, Worcester.) Benjamin, son of Jeremiah and Anne Littlewood, was born May 24, and bapt. May 26, 1716; Benjamin Littlewood and Mary Skidmore were married Dec. 2, 1744. (Oldswinford Registers.) He died Oct. 16, 1807, aged 91, and Sarah his second wife March 13, 1797, aged 64. (M. I. at Oldswinford.)

† "1759, May 13, John Addinbrook (*sic*) son of Mr. John and Mary Homfray, bapt. (Oldswinford Registers.) He was the only child of the said John Homfray, of Wollaston Hall, by May, his wife, dau. and coheir of Jeremiah Addenbrooke. In 1792 he assumed the surname and arms of Addenbrooke in compliance with the will of his kinsman Edward Addenbrooke, of the Lea, co. Hereford, Esq., and in 1798 he was High Sheriff of Worcestershire. He died in 1837, aged 78, leaving issue.

‡ He was bapt. at Oldswinford Jan. 25, 1754, the son of Thomas and Sarah Brettell, which Sarah was the dau. and heir of John Henzey of Stourbridge, descended from an ancient Lorraine family of "gentilshommes Verriers."

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Baptisms.

1732.	Feb. 2.	Ann, d. of Paull Grasbrooke and Eliza his wife.
1755.	Jan. 15.	Mary, d. of Michael & Sarah Grazebrook.
1756.	Sept. 2.	Thomas Worrall, s. of the same.
1758.	Ap. 11.	Michael, s. of the same.
1759.	June 5.	Elizabeth, d. of the same.
1762.	Ap. 14.	Susannah & Sarah, daughters of the same.
1787.	March 11.	Sarah, d. of Michael & Mary Ann Grazebrook.
1788.	June 8.	Michael, s. of the same.
1789.	Oct. 25.	Charlotte, d. of the same.
1791.	Ap. 9.	Henry, s. of the same.
1794.	May 4.	Thomas Needs, s. of the same [ob. inf.].
1795.	June 7.	Frederick, s. of the same [ob. inf.].
1796.	July 23.	George, s. of the same.
1798.	July 15.	Mary Ann, d. of the same.
1801.	April 5.	Elizabeth, d. of the same.
1802.	Dec. 5.	Charles, s. of the same.
1804.	May 20.	John Worrall, s. of the same.
1806.	May 1.	Matilda, d. of the same.

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1808. Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Worrall Grazebrook (of Stourton Castle) and Elizabeth his wife, born Jan. 29, and baptized June 9th.

1810. Thomas Worrall Smith, s. of Thomas Worrall Grazebrook and Elizabeth his wife, born Nov. 5, 1809, and baptized Oct. 9, 1810.

Claverley, co. Salop.

1846. *Thomas Worrall Smith Grazebrook buried 8 Aug. 1846, aged 36 years.

Monumental Inscriptions at Oldswinford.

In memory of Michael Grazebrook, of Audnam Bank, who died May ye 14, A.D. 1766 aged 42 years. Susannah Senr daughter of Michael and Sarah Grazebrook died December 16, 1768, aged 6 years and nine months. Sarah Junr their daughter died December 19, 1768, aged 6 years and nine months. Also Sarah, widow of the aforesaid Michael Grazebrook, departed this life June 7, 1799, aged 78 years. Also two children of Michael Junr and Mary Ann Grazebrook, who died in their infancy. Also of Thomas Worrall Grazebrook, who died Aug. 9, 1816, aged 60 years, and whose remains were removed hence by faculty to a vault in Claverley churchyard in the county of Salop, A.D. 1837.

In this Vault lie the bodies of Michael Grazebrook, son of Michael and Sarah Grazebrook, who died June 11th, 1826 (at Audnam in the parish of Kingswinford)

* "Aug. 1, at Crosby, Liverpool, Thomas Worrall Smith Grazebrook, Esq., of Dallicott House, Shropshire." ('Gent. Mag.' for Sept. 1846, p. 332.) He was of Brazenose College, Oxford, B.A. 1831, M.A. 1836, and of the Inner Temple. He inherited the Dallicott estate from his mother, Elizabeth, d. and h. of Robert Wilkes, by Mary his wife, d. and h. of William Smith; which William Smith was the son of Edward Smith by Sarah his wife, d. and h. of William Grosvenor of Dallicott, in whose family the Dallicott estate had been for many generations. On the death s.p. and intestate of Mr. T. W. S. Grazebrook, the estate devolved upon his only sister Elizabeth, the wife of George M'Kenzie Kettle, Esq.

aged 68 years. Also Mary Ann, his widow, daughter of Thomas Needs of London, who died at Summerhill in the same parish September 14th, 1846, aged 84 years. The best of Parents.

Also Michael Grazebrook, son of Michael and Mary Ann Grazebrook, who died at Audnam April 24th, 1854, aged 66 years. Also Elizabeth Wallis, his wife, daughter of John Phillips of Birmingham, who died at Belle Vue, in the parish of Halesowen, May 12th, 1833, aged 46 years.

In memory of William Henry Grazebrook, died December 4th, 1856, aged 2 years and 6 months; Emily Blanche Grazebrook, died April 13th, 1858, aged 6 months; children of Michael [Phillips] and Mary [Anne] Grazebrook. Also Wallace Grazebrook, child of the above, who died February 4th, 1861, aged 8 months.

To the loving memory of
George Grazebrook,
of the parish of Pedmore
(4th son of Michael and Mary Ann Grazebrook,
of Audnam, Staffordshire)
Born July 21st, 1796.
Died Jany 2nd, 1877.
He was the best of husbands and the
best of fathers.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never
be confounded.

On a marble tablet in the Church.

To the memory of
Michael Grazebrook Esqre
of Audnam, in the parish of Kingswinford,
who died April 24th, 1854,
aged 66.
Also
Elizabeth Wallis, his wife,
who died May 12th, 1833
aged 46
Their remains are interred in the Family
Vault in this Churchyard.

Worrall Wills.

Richard Worrall, of Stourton, in the parish of Kinver, co. Stafford, gent. Dated 29 Jany 1753. Proved by the Rev. John Worrall, sole executor, at Lichfield 10 May 1762. Gives the lands in Stourton, which he lately purchased from his brother-in-law Francis Spilsbury, to his brother John Worrall, clerk. Four hundred pounds to his sister Mary Worrall, and ten guineas each to his brother Thomas Worrall,* and to Sarah Grazebrook daughter of his said brother Thomas. Attested, *inter alias*, by Thos Hodgetts and sealed with—on a chevron 3 crescents—the arms of Hodgetts.

"Mr. Richard Worrall jun^r." was buried at Kinver Jan. 30, 1762.

John Worrall, of Stourton, in the parish of Kinfare, co. Stafford, clerk. Dated 16 Nov. 1762. Proved at Lichfield 30 April 1766. Leaves legacies to his brother Thomas Worrall and to "Mrs Sarah Grazebrook, wife of Mr Michael Grazebrook," real estate and residue of personal estate to his sister Mary Worrall. Appoints his said sister Mary, and the Rev. Paul White, of Kinfare, executrix and executor. Sealed with per chevron, 3 elephants' heads erased. Crest: An elephant's head. (Arms of *Sanders?*)

The Testator was of Pembroke Coll. Oxford (B.A. 1724). "Richard son of the Rev. Mr John Worrall and Susanna his wife" was buried at Kinver 19 Dec. 1764. "Mrs Susannah Worrall" was buried there Oct. 22, 1765; and "the Rev. Mr John Worrall" was buried Jan. 20, 1766.

Mary Worrall, of Stourton in the parish of Kinfare, co. Stafford, spinster. Dated 25 April 1767. Proved at Lichfield 9 June 1767. Gives the interest of £400 "now on mortgage of Mr John Worrall's estate in Kinfare" to her niece Sarah Grazebrook for life; at her death the principal to be divided among her grand-nieces Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Susanna, daughters of the said Sarah Grazebrook. Five pounds to her "cousins" Margery and Elizabeth Hart. To her grand-nephew Thomas Worrall Grazebrook a silver tankard, to his brother Michael Grazebrook a silver cup, and to her grand-niece Mary Grazebrook two silver salts. Sundry legacies to servants, and £30 to the Rev. Paul White to be distributed in bread to the poor of Kinfare in manner therein mentioned. Her niece Sarah Grazebrook to be sole executrix. Attested by Thomas Worrall and John Worrall, and proved by Sarah Grazebrook, widow.

"Mrs Mary Worrall" was buried at Kinver May 5, 1767.

Richard Worrall of Stourton, gent. Dated 23 Decr 1771 and proved at Lichfield 30 May 1772. Gives all his real and personal estate to his eldest son and heir Thomas Worrall, and appoints him sole executor.

"Mr Richard Worrall of Stourton" was buried at Kinver Jan. 3, 1772. He was a cousin of Richard, John, Mary, etc.

Thomas Worrall, of Stourton, gent. Dated 17 Nov. 1797, proved at Lichfield 1 July 1805. Mentions his wife Mary Worrall and his kinsman Joseph Hancox of Kinfare. Subject to an annuity to his said wife, he leaves all his real property to his brother John Worrall for life; and after his death to testator's kinsman Thomas Worrall Grazebrook, of Audnam, in the parish of Kingswinford, absolutely for ever. Appoints the said Joseph Hancox sole executor. Witnessed *inter alios* by Joseph Robins [of Stourbridge, Solicitor] with whose arms† the Will is sealed. In a Codicil dated 1 June 1801 he mentions that his brother John is "since deceased," and gives his personalty to his kinsman Joseph Hancox and to Sarah wife of Henry Matthews, rector of Wishaw, co. Warwick, sister of the said Joseph Hancox.

N.B.—The Worrall wills at Lichfield are very numerous. The earliest (that of Humfrey Worrall) is dated 1551. The name also occurs very frequently in the Kinver Registers, the first entry being the marriage on June 1, 1562, of Humfrey Bate to Joan Warroll.

ABSTRACTS OF CHARTERS, etc.

From the Huntbach MSS.—*Vide* Shaw's 'Staffordshire,' under "Shenstone."

Robert de Grendon by his deed, *s. d.*, grants to Bartholomew de Gresebroc all his house with messuages, etc., which domina Alicia de Bray formerly held of him in Senestan, as of her dower, etc., with housbote and haybote in the woods of Senestan ultra Burnam. Testes, Sir Robert Bagod, Richard de Grendon, John de Grendon, John de Eston, Richard de Thickebrom, Nic. de Alrewas, Jo. del Wal, Jo. Bagod, etc.

* "Mr Thomas Worrall" was buried at Kinver Feb. 28, 1766, and "Mary wife of Mr Thomas Worrall" on Ap. 24, 1741. The marriage settlement of Thomas Worrall "eldest son of Richard Worrall gent.," with Mary d. of James and Theodosia Hart of Wolverley, co. Worcester, is dated Sept. 1720. He had with her an estate in Wolverley. "Anne dau. of Thomas and Mary Worrall," was bapt. at Wolverley, Aug. 29, 1721, and buried at Kinver May 8, 1729; and Sarah d. of the same (afterwards wife of Michael Grazebrook) was bapt. (also at Wolverley) Dec. 15, 1722.

† Per pale sa. and arg., 2 flaunches and 3 fleurs-de-lis in fesse all counterchanged. Crest: A fleur-de-lis between 2 dolphins.

By a neat old deed, *s. d.*, the writing of Henry the third's time, Robert lord of Grendon grants to John de Baggenhall for his homage and service three rods of land in his manor of Seeneston. Testes, Hugh lord of Aston, Nicholas his brother, Richard Bagod, Adam de Gresebroc, Robert his brother, etc.

Also by another deed he (the said Robert de Gerndon) grants to the aforesaid John de Baggenhall all the land which Robert de la Leye formerly held of him in Fulverdeley [Footherley] to be held of him and his heirs freely, etc., by the service of 40*s.* per annum. Testes, Ralph de Grendon, Knt., John de Grendon, Joh. Bagot, John de Aston, Bartholom' de Gresbrok,* etc.

Sir Ralph de Grendon, knt., lord of Shenstone, grants to William, son of Geoffrey, son of Richard de Chesterfield, a moiety of six acres, rendering 2*s.* 3*d.* annually. Testes, Hugh lord of Aston, Robert de Gresebrok, Richard Bagod. Dated at Shenstone the next after the feast of St Gregory, the 2nd of Edward the son of King Edward. (March 13, 1309.)

Translations from Fines, temp. Ed. I.

From the Salt Library, Stafford, MS. 327.

3 E. I. (A.D. 1274–5.)

Memb. 14. †Adam de Gresebrok and Edith his mother give half a mark to have a writ of *pone*, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire is commanded to take security.

Ib. Edith, who was the wife of Bartholomew de Gresebrok, gives half a mark to have a writ of *pone*, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire, etc.

Ib. Robert de Gresebrok gives one mark to have a writ of *pone*, and the Sheriff, etc.

Memb. 15. Adam, son of Bartholomew de Gresebrok, gives half a mark to have an assize taken before H. de Montfort, etc., and the Sheriff, etc.

Ib. Robert, son of Bartholomew de Gresebrok, gives one mark to have a writ of *pone*, and the Sheriff, etc.

From Erdeswick's 'Staffordshire,' by Harwood. 2nd edit., p. 421.

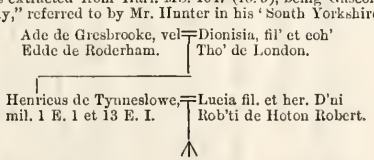
"By deed dated 15 Edward II. (1321–2) Gilbert de Honce de Chesterfield grants to Henry de Teddeslye a messuage and virgate of land with appurtenances, which were formerly held by Galfrid de Gorsthull in Chesterfield [in Shenstone]. Hiis testibus, Mich'l de Auste, Hugone de Aston, Ricardo Bagod, Rob'to de Pype, Will'mo fabro del Thornes, Joh'e Bertelot, Rob'to de Gresebrok, et aliis."

From the "Inquisitiones Nonarum," 15 Edw. II. (A.D. 1341).

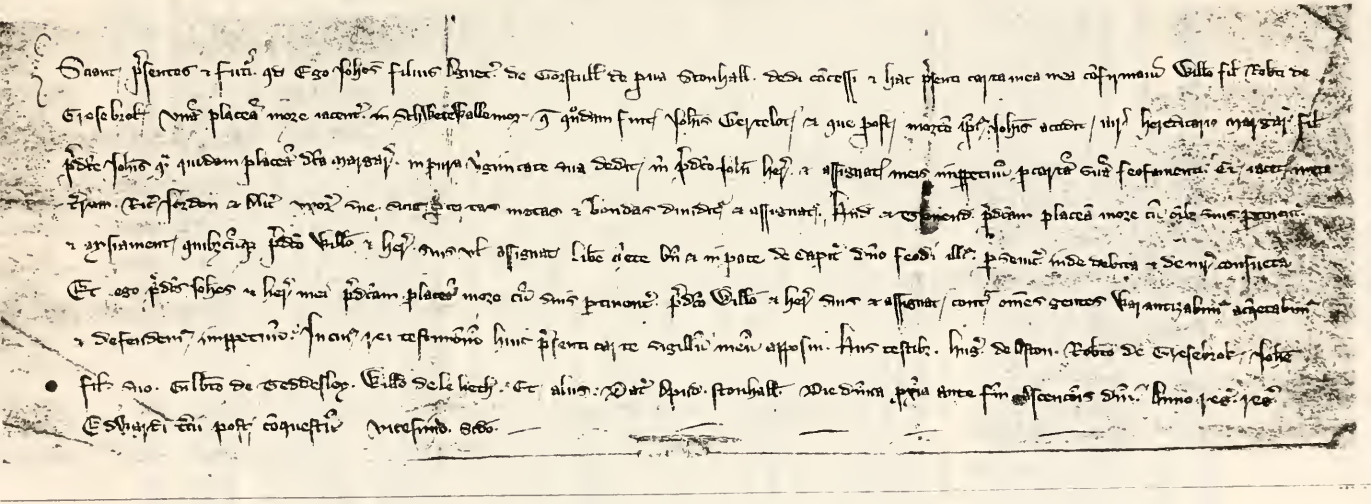
"Com' Stafford. Eccl'ia de Hennesworth" [Handsworth] and "Eccl'ia de Shenston." The "p'och' jur'" were "Joh'es de Wyrley, Rob'tus le Wright, Hugo de Aston, Henr' de Teddesley, Rob'tus de Gresebroc, Joh'es de Sotteford, Ric'ns de Haselwode, Adam atte Ford."

* "This family, who took their name from a manor so called in Yorkshire, seem to have had property and residence in Shenstone from this early period to the beginning of the (eighteenth) century, many of whom are recorded in the registers from 1590 to 1722." (Shaw's footnote.)

† The following is extracted from Harl. MS. 1047 (fo. 5), being Gascoigne's "Collections on the Wentworth Family," referred to by Mr. Hunter in his 'South Yorkshire':—



The Arms ascribed in this MS. to "Ade de Gresbrooke" are,—Argent, a chevron between three wolf's heads erased gules, which are quartered for *Tynneslowe* or *Tinsley* by the Wentworths.



JOHN SON OF AGNES DE GORSTULL. TO
WILLIAM SON OF ROBERT DE GRESEBROK.
ANNO 1348.

Abstracts of Charters relating to a piece of Land called Sweetwellmoor in Shenstone.

From the originals in the possession of Miss Hunt, of Brookfield House, Belbroughton, co. Worc.*

Sciant p'sentes 't fut'i q'd ego Joh'es filius Agnet' de Gorstull de p'va Stonhall dedi, co'cessi, &c., Will'o fil' Rob'ti de Gresebrok una' placea' more jacent' in *Schwetewallemor* q' qu^dam fuit Joh'is Bertelot 't que post morte' ip's Joh'is accidit jure hereditario Margar' fil' p'd'ti Joh'is q' quidam placea' d'ta Margar' in pura virgiuitate sua dedit m' p'd'to Joh'i, &c., p' carta' sua' feofamenti, 't jacet juxta t'ram Ric' Jordon & Alic' uxor' sue, &c. Hiis testibz, Hug' de Aston, Rob'to de Gresebrok, Joh'e fil' suo, Gilb'to de Teddesley, Will'o de le Heth, et aliis. Dat' apud Stonhall die d'm'ca p'xi'a ante f'm Ascent'o'is D'ni, Anno reg' reg' Edwardi t'cii post co'questu' vicesimo s'c'do. (A.D. 1348.)

Om'ibz ad quos p'sens scriptu' p'venerit, Will's fil' Cristiane de Lynde del Thornes sal't'm in D'no. Noverit' me remisisse, relaxasse, & omnino p' m'i & hered' meis quitclamasse Will'o fil' Rob'ti de Gresbrok hered' & assig'tis suis totu' men' clamen' q' h'ui, &c., in quada' placea' more q' vocat' *Swetewallemore* cu' p'tin' suis, &c., qua' d'n's Henr' Bertelot h'uit de dono & feoffamento meo, &c. Hiis testibz Hug' de Astu', Rob'to de Gresbrok, Joh'e fil' suo, Gilb'to de Teddesleya, Joh'e Bagod & aliis. Dat' ap'd Schenston die d'm'ca an' f'm s'ti Augusti e'pi anno regni regis Edwardi t'cii p't co'questu' vicessimo s'c'do. (A.D. 1348.)

Sciant &c., q' ego D'ns Henr' Bertelot, cap'll's dedi, &c. Will'o fil' Rob'ti de Gresbrok, & hered', &c., una' placea' mor' q' vocat *Swetewallemor*, &c., qua' h'ui ex dono & feoffeoment' Will'i fil' Cristiane de Lynde del Thornes, &c. Hiis testibz, Rob'to de Gresbrok, Hug' de Aston, Joh'e de Gresbrok, Henr' de Teddesley, Gilb'to fil' suo, & aliis. Dat' ap'd Schenston die d'm'ca p'x an' f'm s'ti Augusti ep'i anno regni regis Edwardi t'cii post conquest' vicessimo s'c'do. (A.D. 1348.)

Sciant, &c., q' ego Joh'es Jurdan de Erdington, dedi, &c., Rob'to att Wythi de Stonehall, &c., una' placea' p'ti voc' *Swetewallemore* in feod' de Shenston, &c. Hiis testibz Thom' Barnevyle, Joh'e del Heth, Will'o Smale, & aliis. Dat' ap'd Stonehale i' festo nat' s'ti Joh'is baptiste anno regni reg' Edwardi t'cii p' conquestu' quadragessimo s'c'do. (A.D. 1368.)

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Sciant, &c., q^d ego Joh'es fil' Ric'i Jurdon de Erdinton, dedi, &c., Henr' Bertylot, &c., om'ia tr' & ten' mea cu' p'tin' suis in feodo de Schenston, excepto uno p'to vocato *Swetewallemore*, q' m'i attingebit post morte' Alicie, matris mee, fil' Joh'is Berteylot, &c. Hiis testibz Joh'e de Gresbrok, Thom' le Lady, Thom' Barnevyele, Will'o le Smale, Joh'e del Heth, Henr' Gilbard, & aliis. Dat' apud Shenston die lune in ff'o nativitatis s'ti Joh'is bapt'e anno regni regis Edwardi t'cii post co'questu' quadr'gessimo q'rto. (A.D. 1370.)

Sciant, &c. q^d ego John's de Gresebrok dedi, &c. Rob'to att Wythye de Stonhale, &c. unam pec' prati, &c., vocat' *Swetewallemor*, &c. Hiis testibz, Th' de Barnvyll, Th' Lady, Joh' o' the Hath, Rob' Bagot, Joh' Bach . . . & aliis. Dat' ap'd Scheneston die d'm'ca p'x post f'm s'ti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi t'cii post conquestu' quadragesimo nono. (A.D. 1375.)

Pateat universis p' p'sentes me Joh'em Verney cl'r'cu' ac prebendarem p'bendi de Hondesacre in eccl'ia cath' Lich' attornasse & loco meo posuisse dilectu' michi in Xpo Joh'em Ruggeley de Shenston men' veru' & legitimu' attornatu' ad deliberandu' p' me & no'i'e meo plena' & pacifica' seisina' Joh'i Palmer in una p'cella p'ti vocata *Swetewalmore* cu' p'tin' in Shenston, &c. Dat' die lune p'x post festu' omni' s'tor' anno regni regis Henr' sexti deci'o. (A.D. 1431.)

Nov't univ'si p' p'sentes me Sibilla' filia' Ric'i att Withye de Stonehale attornasse, construisse, &c. Joh'em att Ryddynge meu' veru' attornatu', &c., ad deliberand', &c., seisinam Will'o Samytt & Agath' ux' sue, &c., in om'ibz terr' & ten'

* These charters were found amongst certain title deeds relating to lands in Aldridge, co. Stafford, formerly belonging to the family of Cox, from which Miss Hunt is maternally descended.

meis, &c., in Stonehale & alibi in feod' de Schenston, &c. Dat' ap'd Stonehale die mart[s] p'x' p' f'm S'ti Hyllarij anno r'g' Henr' sexti post conquestu' decimo. (A.D. 1432.)

Sciant, &c., q'd ego Joh'es Palmer de Nether Stonal, dedi, &c. d'no Henrico Mori, vicario Shenston, & Joh'i Smyth de Thornes, &c. una' p'cellam p'ti vocat' *Swetewalmore* qua' &c. nuper h'ui ex dono & feoffamento Joh'is Verney, clericu' cu' suis p'tin' in Shenston, &c. Dat' apud Shenston die pr'mo in ebdommada phasce anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestu' vicesimo vi[to]. (A.D. 1448.)

Pateat univ'sis, me Joh'em Palmer attornasse, &c. Petru' Morant de Netherstonhal, &c. seisina d'no Henrico Mori, vicario de Shenston, & Joh'i Smyth de Thornys, in una &c. vocata *Swetewalmor*, &c. Dat' apud Shenston die p'mo in ebdomada phasce anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestu' vicesimo vi[o]. (A.D. 1448.)

Abstracts of Two Charters in the possession of J. N. Bagnall, Esq., of Shenstone Moss.

Sciant p'sentes & futuri q'd nos Thom's de Lynton & Joh'n's fil' Rog'i le Smyth, capell', dedimus, &c. Will'mo filio Thome Brid de Chesterfield, &c., om'ia terr' & tenementa n'ra que habemus ex dono & concessione p'd'ti Thome Brid in feod' de Shenston, &c. Hiis testibz Joh'e de Gresebrok, Rog[o] Perisone, Thoma de Tedesley, Will'mo Bryd, Gilb'to Bernevyle, & aliis. Dat' ap'd Chesturfeld die lune p'x' post f'm S'ti Cedde ep'i anno regni regis Ric'i s'c'di post conquestu' Anglie nono. (A.D. 1386.)

Sciant p'sentes & futuri q'd nos Rog'us de Beturton, de Beley in com' Wygorn, carpentar', Agnes ux' mea, & Will'm's Edwards in p'ochia de Whitacr' in com' Warr' yoman, unanim' assensu' & consensu dedimus, &c. Jacobo Kayley, &c. una' placiam p'ti & more cu' suis p't'nin' in Schenton jacent' inter aqua' que vocat le Bourne ex'pte una & Whitsicheheth ex alt'a p'te, et extendit se int' Hethmylneholme usq' moram que quond'm fuit Rob'ti le Grome, &c. Hiis testibz, Rob'to Ruggeley de Schenton, Joh'ne Gresbroke de ead'm, Ric'o Thikbrome de Thikbrome, Tho'a Smyth de ead'm, Joh'ne Redhull de Wefford, & multis aliis. Dat' apud Schenston in festo s'ti Thome ap'li anno regni regis Edwardi quarti post conquestu' terciodecimo. (A.D. 1473.)

Extract from a Schedule of Lands belonging to our Lady's Guild, Lichfield.—(*Vide* Harwood's 'Lichfield,' p. 331; and Shaw's 'Staffordshire.')

"The Wall. John Archard M[r] of Our Ladye's Gilde an[o] regis Henrici viii. 16[o] (A.D. 1525). It'm won pasture callyd the Rowgh Hey, leying in brede betwene the grownde of William Ruggley, gentylman, and the grownde of John Greysbroke."

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NOTE.

The Arms borne by the Stourbridge Grazebrooks are,—Argent, an eagle displayed gules, armed or, on a chief sable three bezants, each charged with a fleur-de-lis azure. Crest.—A bear's head or, muzzled sable, charged with three fleurs-de-lis in fess azure. Mottoes (used at various periods)—"Forbear!" "Bear and forbear;" and "Nec sinit esse feros."

These armorial insignia are represented on the seal of Michael Grazebrook, of Audnam, who died in 1766, aged 42; and they are ascribed to the name "Grazebrooke" in Edmondson's 'Complete Body of Heraldry' (published 1780), and in every subsequent Heraldic Dictionary.

"It is curious (says Dallaway*) to observe that many who are entirely ignorant of heraldry can produce their coat of arms, preserved either upon furniture or seals, without being able to give any account by whom, or at what time they were first invented." This is a case in point. There is no grant on record of these bearings, nor is there any note of their existence in the Heralds' College; and they are not the arms of any other family. "By whom, or at what time they were first invented" has not been (and probably *cannot* be) ascertained. But inasmuch as they were borne by this family before the publication of Edmondson, it is perfectly clear that they have not been "found" in that work for the family by some herald painter or seal engraver.

In modern times it has been customary to bear them quarterly (in the 1st and 4th quarters) with the three coneys as represented on the seal of Robert "Greysbrooke" of Middleton, and as tricked in the Harl. MS. 1563.

It may be added that the late Mr. Thomas Kirkland Glazebrook of Warrington, Lancashire, assumed these bearings under the impression that he was descended from this family;† and they are attributed to him in Robson's 'British Herald,' and in Burke's 'General Armory.' But it appears from Foster's 'Lancashire Pedigrees' that the Glazebrooks now use a different coat, and claim descent from the Glazebrooks of Glazebrook, co. Lancaster.

* 'Inquiries into the Origin and Progress of the Science of Heraldry in England,' 4to, 1793.

† For similar reasons, Mr. Glazebrook bestowed the baptismal name of Michael upon one of his sons.

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